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Serving Task Force Marne



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Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. speaks to Task Force Marne Soldiers during a mass re-enlistment ceremony for 124 Soldiers held at Camp Victory Aug. 11.

Casey re-enlists 124, visits patrol bases

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Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. conducted a re-enlistment ceremony at Task Force Marne Headquarters and visited other 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers at Patrol Bases Assassin and Murray Aug. 11.

The commitment from Soldiers who re-enlisted for fixed periods of time totaled 621 years of service.

"These great Soldiers here

epitomize the best of what the United States of America stands for," Casey said. "It's important not to lose sight of what's at stake in this war — the power of our values and our civilization."

After administering the oath, Casey greeted each Soldier and posed for individual portraits.

As a surprise, the re-enlistees each received a 3rd Infantry Division coin, an American flag that had been flown

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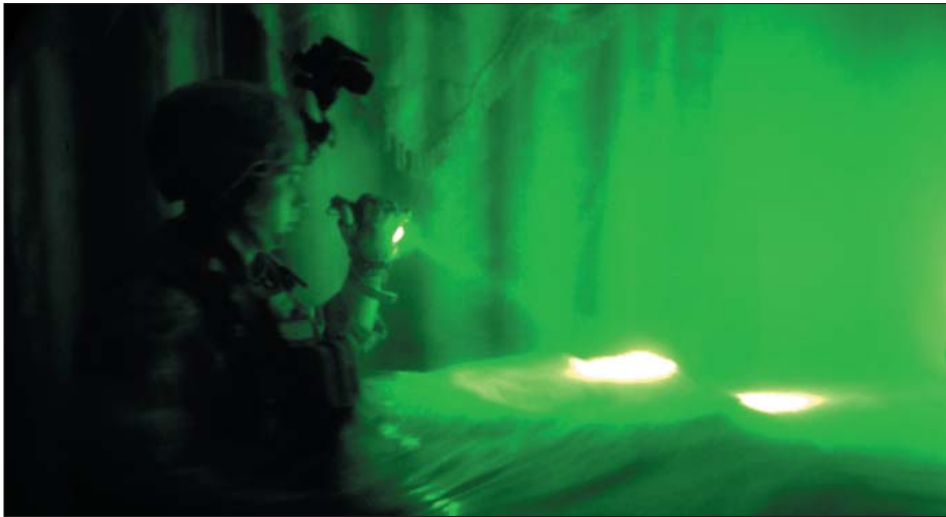
Polar Schism III yields 22 detainees

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI)

YUSUFIYAH — Coalition and Iraqi troops conducted Operation Polar Schism III Aug. 11 in search of information regarding the May 12 abduction of two U.S. Soldiers.

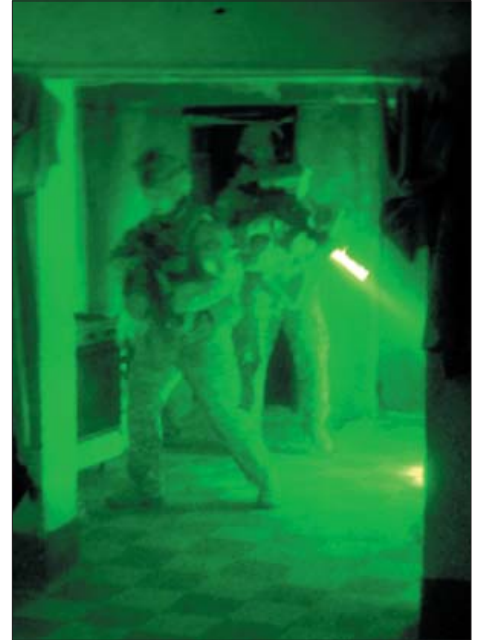
Soldiers of 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., and 4th Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, flew by helicopter across the Euphrates River to track down a well-known terrorist cell leader.

IA soldiers entered the mosque where Coalition Forces suspected the cell leader was hiding. Coalition Forces secured the area outside the building, while Iraqi forces entered the mosque. They detained 22 suspected terrorists, including four that had fired upon them as they entered the area. The suspected terrorists are being held for further questioning.



Photos by Sgt. Marcus Butler

Sgt. Stuart Kortus, 3rd Plt., Co. C, 1-501st Abn., searches a room for intelligence and weapons during Operation Copperhead Road Aug. 9. At right, two Paratroopers clear one of the target locations.



Soldiers detain 14 during joint ops

SGT. MARCUS BUTLER
4TH BCT (ABN.), 25TH INF. DIV.

ISKANDARIYAH — Moving under the cover of darkness, Iraqi soldiers and Coalition Forces conducted a joint operation in southern Baghdad Aug. 9 in search of suspected insurgents linked to an explosively-formed projectile cell.

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, and Paratroopers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 501st Airborne, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, joined forces for Operation Copperhead Road, an air assault into Hor Hussein where three different locations were raided almost simultaneously.

“Our mission was to conduct an air assault into the Hor Hussein area to disrupt EFP cell operations in our area

of operation,” said Capt. Donald Kingston, commander, Company C. “Our main purpose was to disrupt these known operations and gather intelligence to enable targeting and destruction of those networks.”

After a swift exit from the helicopters, each team moved through clouds of dust and debris to their respective positions.

“I could barely see anything,” said Sgt. Stuart Kortus, a team leader for one of the assault teams. “But once we got off of the helicopters and made it to the target location, all I could think about was security.”

Waiting for the call to go, the assault teams stacked against the wall for a brief moment. The silence was then broken by the blast of a shotgun as the target building was breeched.

“While we were waiting, all that was going through my mind was just get in,”

Kortus said. “I was expecting a lot of enemy contact since the target we were going after was said to have a relatively large personal security force, but luckily there were no incidents.”

Once inside, suspects were separated and the location was thoroughly searched.

“The Paratroopers executed excellent on this assault,” said Staff Sgt. Phillip Jean, Rhinelander, a squad leader with Company C. “They all showed precise action on the scene and executed every aspect of their mission flawlessly.”

Operation Copperhead Road yielded 14 detainees, weapons, ammunition and \$3,700.

“This mission was executed without any hitches,” Kingston said. “Every aspect was executed well and everyone came home safe.”

Copperhead Road was conducted in support of Marne Avalanche.

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over Camp Victory's Al Faw Palace, and their choice of an MP3 player or a Gerber tool.

"A lot of Soldiers could go a whole career without getting within shouting distance of a four-star general," said Master Sgt. James Nicolai, 3rd Infantry Division re-enlistment operations NCO. "Having the chief come out and greet everybody is pretty exciting."

Though not assigned to Multi-National Division-Center, Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, serving in Ramadi, took the opportunity to visit their division headquarters.

"The guys enjoyed coming out and getting some cool stuff they can use, in addition to the incentives like priority for a four-day pass," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Delaney, career counselor for 1st BCT's 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, who brought six Soldiers from the unit to re-enlist. Bonuses for the group's re-enlistment totaled over \$1.4 million.

Later in the day, Casey arrived by UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to PB Assassin and Murray. He was met on the ground in Assassin by commanders of 3rd HBCT. He toured the PB Assassin command post building operated by Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment.

After the tour, Casey briefly spoke to brigade leaders and Soldiers about the length of the 3rd HBCT's current deployment and the importance of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.



Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey speaks to Soldiers and leaders of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Aug. 11 at Patrol Base Assassin.

"This war is nothing more than the values and ideas on which our country is based," he said. "This is our way of life and our country is lucky to have you and your families on the forefront in this war on terrorism."

Ten Soldiers were awarded Army Chief of Staff coins in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the 3rd HBCT. They are:

3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment
• Spc. John Ray, HHT

- Spc. Jaime Rivera, HHT
- Sgt. Eric Jordan, Troop A
- Spc. Peter Arend, Troop A
- Pfc. Christopher Rochester, Troop A

1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

- Spc. James Jones, HHC
- Spc. Jonathan Follmar, HHC
- Spc. Chris Armstrong, HHC
- Pfc. Michael Sexton, HHC

3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion
• Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, HHT

Safety Thought of the Day

Refuel Operations

Minimum requirements for safe refuel operations:

- Ground and bond vehicles to permit safe discharge of static electricity.
- Post one Soldier with a portable fire extinguisher.
- Turn off engine, set master switch to the off position.
- Prohibit smoking within 50 feet (no smoking signs posted).
- Wear protective gloves and chemical splash goggles.
- Ensure correct type of fuel is placed in the vehicle.
- Ensure clean water is readily available to flush eyes or saturated body parts.
- Ensure operators are familiar with emergency shut-off procedures.
- Ensure the use of drip pans and spill kits.



Headline Highlights

Life-size Lego; resort helicopter crack-down

Giant Lego man found in sea

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — A giant, smiling Lego man was fished out of the sea in the Dutch resort of Zandvoort on Tuesday.

Workers at a drinks stall rescued the 2.5-meter (8-foot) tall model with a yellow head and blue torso.

"We saw something bobbing about in the sea and we decided to take it out of the water," said a stall worker. "It was a life-sized Lego toy."

A woman nearby added: "I saw the Lego toy floating toward the beach from the direction of England."

The toy was later placed in front of the drinks stall.

Paper launches Diana portrait competition

BERLIN (Reuters) — Top-selling German daily Bild invited its readers Friday to take part in a competition to paint the best portrait of Princess Diana to mark the 10th anniversary of her death.

"Ten years ago, on August 31, Lady Di died in Paris," the paper said on its front page. "She lives on in millions of hearts ... Dear readers, paint Diana, how she was, how she is remembered."

"I saw the Lego toy floating toward the beach from the direction of England."

— beachgoer,
Zandvoort resort

Diana died in 1997 as she was being driven with her boyfriend Dodi al-Fayed at high speed through a tunnel in Paris.

Editors will choose the three best paintings and announce the winner on the August 31 anniversary. The artists can win a trip to London and a helicopter flight over Diana's grave at Althorp Park north of the city.

A selection of portraits will be printed in the paper, Bild said.

Saint-Tropez cracks down

PARIS (Reuters) — Jet setters in Saint-Tropez may be grounded after French authorities limited helicopter flights to the exclusive resort following complaints about the noise.

The decision to close a helipad ac-

counting for about 30 percent of helicopter traffic to Saint-Tropez came after abuses of an agreement to limit flights, said Francoise Souliman, an official in the regional administrative centre of Draguignan.

A byword for international glamour since its discovery by film stars like Brigitte Bardot in the 1950s, Saint-Tropez remains a magnet for the rich and status-conscious.

Helicopters ferry passengers over the traffic jams into the town, and also to other villages and marinas along the coast.

"There's a shocking noise at all times of the day and they're quite often flying over the marinas at Gassin so you've got helicopters flying very low," Souliman said.

A voluntary agreement last year authorized some 1,200 flight movements a year and set limits at certain times of the day.

But Souliman said around 5,000 flights had been registered between June and August 2006.

"There are companies that respect the rules completely but there are one or two companies that don't respect anything at all," she said. "We've had times when the nuisance has been so great that we had to hit hard."

Sudoku

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

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to Saturday's puzzle:

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

ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Enemy

AAh-doo