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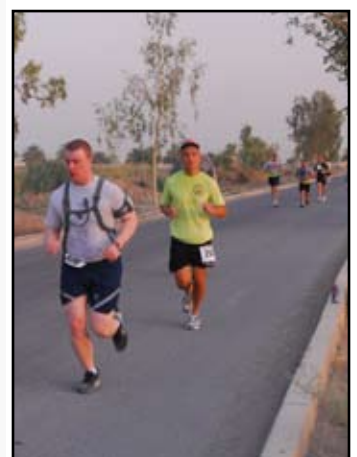
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Chaplain's Corner

Be grateful for blessing of friendship

By Chaplain Lane M. Stockeland
Hope Chapel OIC

“Mac, is that you?” I asked over the phone. It was indeed my old friend, Sgt.. 1st Class Kelton McLaurin.

McLaurin and I entered Basic Training together on Dec. 3 1985, at Fort Dix, N.J. We were in the same unit, Delta 3rd Bde, 3rd BN, but in different companies. We did not know each other at that time.

After graduation, McLaurin and I went to Advance Individual Training at Fort Monmouth, N.J., for chaplain assistant training. We were in the same class and became friends. After AIT graduation, I was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and he was assigned elsewhere.

I completed my three-year enlistment and then began Seminary to become an Army chaplain. My first assignment was to Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., in 1991. Shortly after I arrived at Fort Campbell, all the unit ministry teams on Fort Campbell had a training event at a Civil War battlefield not far from Fort Campbell. I took my seat on the bus and I noticed a young man sitting about two seats in front of me. He looked familiar. It was

Mac. I found out he was the chaplain assistant at 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, Rakkassans, at 3rd Brigade.

About two years later, I was assigned to 1/187th as the chaplain and Mac was my assistant. We had many great times together. One of those times was a trip to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. where we practically froze one night waiting for an air assault the next morning.

I eventually left Fort Campbell for another assignment. I lost track of McLaurin until I arrived in Iraq. I heard he was assigned here and

gave him a call. He was serving with Task Force Marne as a chaplain assistant. Right before he re-deployed back to his home station, we were able to visit with each other and catch up on old times.

The Old Testament books of 1 and 2 Samuel describe the friendship between King David and Jonathan. Their friendship is a model for us to follow. The Army allows us the opportunity to form lifelong friendships. Let us be grateful for the many friends and relationships that we have established while serving in the U.S. Army.



Chaplain Lane M. Stockeland, Multi-National Corps - Iraq Hope Chapel officer in charge, and Sgt.. 1st Class Kelton McLaurin, Task Force Marne chaplain assistant, had a chance to meet and catch up on old times on Camp Victory, Iraq.



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Women help change path of our nation

By Sgt.. 1st Class Monica Bailey

MNC-IEO Office

Through courage and determination, women such as Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony inspired generations of women and helped change the path of our nation's history. In 1848 at a convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., a mass movement for women's voting rights gained support from women of all ages and cultural backgrounds. This would change the way women would be viewed for years to come. Wyoming became the first state in 1890, by virtue of its constitution, to allow women to vote. Twenty-eight years later, 14 additional states would follow Wyoming's lead, giving equal rights to women in the voting booth. Finally in 1920, women secured the right to vote nationwide through the passage of the 19th Amendment. In 1971, President Jimmy Carter designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day.

During World War I, women took on many different roles in the household and in the workplace. Many women were working in factories and other male-oriented jobs to support their households and their country at war. After the war, the National Woman's Suffrage, headed by Carrie Chapman Catt, reminded the President that women's support during the war should be rewarded and not ignored.

Carrie Catt saw that reward as women having influence over the political future of the nation. Approximately one year later, the president responded and introduced his personal support for women's suffrage.

Today women are seen in much larger roles throughout our country than they were in 1920. Women shape the future for American society by influencing politics, government legislation, science, law, education, athletics, and of course-- our great military. Today female servicemembers make many sacrifices daily by leaving their loved ones at home and serving side-by-side with their male counterparts. In 1970 the Army Nurse Corps promoted the first Army brigadier general, Col. Anna Mae Hays. Thirty-eight years later the balance of equality has changed. Today the military has 56 active duty female flag officers in the Armed Forces-- five of which are in the rank of lieutenant general and over 12,000 women supporting the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq. Women are becoming senior leaders and combat multipliers in today's military with amazing speed. Recently the announcement of the nomination of the first female general, Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, made national news and the awarding of the Silver Star to Spc.... Monica Lin Brown of the 82nd Airborne Division, the second women to receive the Silver Star since World War II made history.



Brig. Gen. Anna M. Hays received her Army Nurse Corps commission in May 1942. Her overseas assignments included service in India, Korea, and Japan. On June 11, 1970, she became the first woman and the first nurse in American military history to attain general officer rank. During her tenure as chief, she continued to deal with the imposing challenges of recruitment and retention as the Vietnam War reached its height. She received the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal among her awards and recommendations.

This year's theme, "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote," expresses the enthusiasm that our nation shares knowing the right to vote is shared by all. That right to vote has allowed women to segue into politics, science, law, education, and national defense sharing the same accomplishments and opportunities as men. On Aug. 26 all servicemembers and leaders should take time to reflect on the history of women's right to vote.

XVIII Airborne Corps cele



Story by Marine
Cpl. Frances L.
Goch
MNC-I PAO

From World War II to the War on Terror, the XVIII Airborne Corps has made its mark, and its Soldiers have a long and proud history to celebrate on the Corps' 64th birthday Aug. 25.

The XVIII Airborne Corps began its proud history during WWII.

"WWII was a very different war all together," said Sgt. Maj. Amos Fischer, communications information systems division sergeant major, Multi-National Corps – Iraq. "Those paratroopers went to war and didn't come home until the war was over."

During more recent combat operations, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) made the largest and farthest reaching helicopter assault in history during Operation Desert Storm.

Today the XVIII Airborne Corps continues making history fighting the Global War on Terror.

As the core of Multi-National Corps – Iraq, the XVIII Airborne Corps is responsible for a 160,000-man ground force, said Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph R. Allen, command sergeant major of Multi-National Corps – Iraq and the XVIII Airborne Corps.

"The Corps is spearheading the efforts in Iraq and taking the fight to the enemy," he said. "The XVIII Airborne Corps will continue to play a significant role in the Global War on Terror with Soldiers deployed around the world."

It isn't just the rich history that keeps the paratroopers of the XVIII Airborne Corps holding their heads high, it is also the Corps values.

"The XVIII Airborne Corps has always been a Corps synonymous with high standards, high morale and tough discipline," said Allen. "Soldiers want to be apart of the XVIII Airborne Corps for these reasons."

Fully equipped and ready to jump, these paratroopers climb into a C-47 transport plane.



82nd Airborne Division troops jump, for a demonstration at Oujda, French Morocco, North Africa, on June 3 1943.

16th Military Police Brigade Soldiers, XVIII Airborne Corps, stand guard in a holding area during Operation Enduring Freedom.



brates 64 years of history



Airborne Facts

Andre' Jacques Garnerin makes a parachute jump from a balloon approximately 2,000' over Paris in 1797.

In the early days of parachuting, jumpers sat on a trapeze type swing attached to flat circular silk parachutes.

It was a woman named Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick who gave the first demonstration of a parachute jump to the U.S. government in 1914.

Tiny Broadwick also claims the first free fall jump when she cut the static line to manually release her chute during the fifth jump of the demonstration.

Matthew Bunker Ridgway served as a Spanish language instructor at West Point Military academy in 1918 while he was a 2nd Lt.

1940 –

First United States Army Airborne Test Platoon, the forerunner of the U.S. Parachute Troops.

William T. Ryder first Army Paratrooper.

William "Red" King was the first enlisted paratrooper.

124 mph is the terminal velocity for the average human body.

It takes between 13-14 seconds of free falling to reach terminal velocity.

While some Soldiers value the history, tradition and the esprit de Corps, some of them just love the thrill of jumping.

"There is a rush that goes with jumping that I don't think I have found anywhere else," said Pfc. Matthew Cunningham, information management officer, MNC – I C-3. "There are four seconds from going out that door with that thought 'where is that pull that tells me everything opened?' and that snap that says it is going to be fine."

The combination of history, tradition and adventure makes Soldiers proud to be part of the prestigious, history-making XVIII Airborne Corps.

"Some people call it arrogance, but paratroopers get indoctrinated to a society where you are held to a higher standard, and we are proud of it and it shows," said Fischer.

Soldiers, XVIII Airborne Corps, transport a prisoner-of-war on Urgent Fury.



U.S. Army's XVIII Airborne Corps troops wait for takeoff in a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft of the 1630th Tactical Airlift Wing for transit to Fort Bragg, N.C. following the liberation of Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm.

Get to know an Airman...



Interview and photo by
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 Frances L. Goch**
MNC-I PAO

**Staff Sgt.
 Natalie F. Gonzalez**

Unit: Multi-National
 Force - Iraq C-6
Job title: Palace
 Helpdesk IMO
Age: 24
Time in Service: 7 years
Family: Husband
 and 2 daughters
Hobbies: "Talking,
 downloading music

and shopping online."
**Person you most
 admire:** "My parents."
Why you joined: "I
 wasn't really ready for
 college. I didn't want to
 disappoint my parents
 so I followed my brother
 into the military."
**One thing you'd
 change about the Air
 Force:** "Nothing."
**One thing you'd
 never change about
 the Air Force:** "Its
 ability to adapt."
Goals: "To be a good role
 model for my children."
Describe your job in

one sentence: "It can be
 chaotic, fun, stressful,
 miserable, exhausting,
 and mind-numbing,
 but I wouldn't trade
 it for anything."
**Something you wish
 everyone would
 do:** "Smile."
Words of wisdom:
 "You can't make
 everyone happy."
**Best thing about being
 deployed:** "Meeting
 new people."
**Most exciting thing you've
 ever done:** "At King's
 Dominion, they have this
 freefall ride that makes

you feel like you're
 flying. It was the best
 feeling I've ever had."
**Best Boot Camp
 memory:** "Singing
 'Contagious' by Mr. Big
 and R. Kelly with our
 flight and having the
 T.I.'s yelling at us over
 the intercom to shut up."



Don't let complacency take over



By **Jesse Martin**
Corps Safety Office

It is human nature to adapt to our surroundings. Given enough time, almost any conditions can become "normal" to us, and we can grow comfortable in our new environment. Normally, this adaptability is a good thing. But in Iraq, it can be life threatening.

Complacency is defined as "a feeling of quiet pleasure or security, often while unaware of some potential danger" (Dictionary.com). We become complacent as we become familiar with the daily routine, and so we start to lower our guard both on and off the job. Whether your duties are inside

or outside the wire, you must always maintain mission focus and situational awareness. Otherwise, you will not maintain the standards you have learned, and you can put yourself and others at risk.

Here is an example. How many times have you witnessed, or been guilty of, a lackadaisical attitude when the warning siren goes off? The first few times, it gets your attention, your heart rate goes up, and you follow proper procedure. But after the novelty wears off and complacency sets in, you want to look tough in front of your friends, and so you respond slowly to the siren or ignore it entirely. While it's great to impress your friends, it's even better to survive an attack, and

you improve your odds if you maintain the correct attitude and follow proper procedure.

We all need to stay vigilant, keep our mission focus, watch out for our battle buddies and subordinates, and keep sight of the fact that our lives could change in a split second. All it takes is one lucky (or unlucky) indirect fire round, one accidental discharge, one person to skip the handwashing stand and spread an illness or disease, or one moment of distraction to cause an accident as you drive down the road. Don't let your guard down. And don't let those around you let their guard down, either. Stay focused, and let's all make it home safe.

Announcements

Supply career progression

The Victory Chapter of the National Property Management Association, the first international chapter to be formed by the NPMA, a leader in property and asset management is offering bachelor's and associate's degrees completely online. NPMA can meet your professional development needs through educational courses, training, and certification programs. For more information, email Monty Spicer at monty.spicer@gmail.com.

CISSP Exams offered

Posting of Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) Examination for interested military of civilian personnel. POC is Capt. Richard Y. Kofie, 822-5108.

Story ideas for Victory Times

Do you know of a good story on Camp

Victory that you think should be covered for the Victory Times? Please submit your ideas to Staff. Sgt.. Joy Pariente at joy.pariante@iraq.centcom.mil. Please include any interesting facts about the topic and point of contact information.

R&R Briefings

Reunion and Suicide Intervention Briefings are at the Victory Chapel, Monday at 3 p.m., Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. All service-members who are going on leave or re-deploying must attend this briefing.

Toastmasters

Improve your public speaking skills while having fun with creative – goal oriented people. No speaking experience necessary. Capt. Armin Reyes 318-822-7627 Armin.reyes@iraq.centcom.mil.

The Corps Report

The "Corps Report" is a 15 minute monthly television newscast highlighting the stories and events happening in the Multi-National Corps-Iraq area of operations. The program airs Sunday at 8:15 pm and Monday at 11:15 a.m. on the Pentagon Channel here in Baghdad. The August edition of the newscast will feature stories on Hope Chapel at Camp Victory, Logistics Training Advisory Teams at Taji and the Guam Liberation Celebration Day at Camp Victory to name just a few. Be sure and catch the latest edition of "The Corps Report" and contact the broadcast team here at MNC-I if you have a story idea. (822-8719).

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Balad 107.3	Q-West 93.3	All stations are FM

Camp Victory Bible Studies

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Bldg 24F; Gospel Protestant Bible Study 7 p.m. Hope Chapel	Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Bldg 24F	Young Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Hope Chapel	Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Victory Chapel; Spanish Bible Study 7 p.m. Bldg 24F	Foundations Bible Study, Mini Chapel 6:30 p.m.	SeventhDay Adventist 10 a.m. Victory Chapel	Men of the Bible Study 5 p.m. MLB Room, Oasis DFAC

Do you have an announcement about an event of interest to the Camp Victory community? Contact Spc.... Samuel J. Phillips at samuel.phillips1@iraq.centcom.mil with the information. Information for community announcements needs to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event to allow for timely publication.

Operating Hours

- Coalition Cafe
- Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.
- Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Sports Oasis
- Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.
- Education Center
- 8 a.m.-midnight
- Camp Liberty Post Exchange
- 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Fitness Center
- Open 24 Hours
- Victory Main Post Office
- Monday-Sunday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- MNC-I STB Mailroom
- 9 a.m. - noon
- 5 - 7 p.m.
- Al Faw Palace Post Office
- Wednesday and Sunday
- 1-6 p.m.
- Golby Troop Medical Clinic
- Sick Call
- Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon
- Dental Sick Call
- Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Mental Health Clinic
- Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. - noon
- Post-Deployment Health Briefings
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1 p.m. Pharmacy
- Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon;
- 1 - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon
- Legal Assistance/Claims
- Saturday-Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Worship Hours

- Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)
- Thursday
- 7:30 p.m..... Latter Day Saints Seminary
- Saturday
- 11 a.m....Seventh Day Adventist Service
- 8 p.m. Catholic Mass
- Sunday
- 7 a.m..... Liturgical Protestant Service
- 2 p.m..... Latter Day Saints Service
- 4 p.m..... Episcopal/Lutheran Service
- Mini Chapel (Bldg. 24F)
- Tuesday
- 7:30 p.m..... Latter Day Saints Service
- Wednesday
- 7 p.m..... Men's Fellowship
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- 11:30 p.m..... Roman Catholic Mass
- Friday
- 1 p.m..... Muslim Prayer Service
- 6:30 p.m..... Jewish Service
- 8 p.m..... Women's Fellowship
- Sunday
- 8 a.m..... Eastern Orthodox Service
- 10 a.m..... Protestant Sunday School
- 3 p.m..... Church of Christ Service
- 7:30 p.m..... Latter Day Saints Service
- Hope Chapel (Bldg 24B)
- Monday
- 12 p.m..... Charismatic Prayer Meeting
- Sunday
- 8:30 a.m..... Collective Protestant Service
- 10 a.m..... Roman Catholic Mass
- 12 p.m..... Gospel Service
- 6:30 p.m..... Contemporary Protestant Service
- Warrior Chapel (Camp Liberty)
- Friday
- 6:30 p.m..... Victory Base Open Circle

Half marathon tests servicemembers' endurance

Story and photos by Pfc. Eric J. Martinez

13th Public Affairs Detachment

Servicemembers from throughout Victory Base Complex gathered just before sunrise to test their endurance during the 13-mile course around Camp Liberty's Z Lake.

The "Run It...Until the Wheels Fall Off" half marathon was sponsored by Victory Base Complex's Petty Officer 1st Class Association to raise moral.

The overall male winner was Sgt.. Brendan Spellman, Multi-National Corps-Iraq with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes and the top female finisher was Capt. Michelle Kamon, targeting officer, 4th Infantry Division, with a time of 1 hour, 38 minutes.

The participants showed up at 5 a.m. to adjust for the added length the run. "It was beautiful out here, we started early enough that there was not a lot of heat," said Cmdr. Orloff Conrad, chief of operations, C-9 MNC-I, second place male finisher. "We got to see the sunrise, but when it started getting close to 6, it started to get hot."

The length of the race was a challenge, both serious competitors and first timers showed up to test themselves. "I like competing, I run back in the states," Kamon said. "I run on most days and winning this race makes me feel like my work is paying off."



Sgt.. Brendan Spellman, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, crosses the finish line with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes.



Winners and participants of the "Run It...Until the Wheels Fall Off" half marathon gather for awards ceremony.