



**Army Sgt. Maj. Mark Cornejo, Multi-National Corps-Iraq Surgeon Chief Medical NCO, administers the anthrax vaccine to Army Sgt. Adam Salinas, administrative NCO for MNC-I C-3, in the Tigris Conference Room June 4.**

## Troops receive anthrax vaccines

Story, photo by Army Spc. Stephanie Homan  
MNC-I PAO

Mandatory anthrax vaccinations resumed for deploying and deployed military personnel and Department of Defense and Department of the Army Civilians by order of U.S. Central Command March 20. The first doses were administered to Multi-National Corps-Iraq troops at Camp Victory June 4.

"The reason we are concerned about anthrax is that it can be and has been (processed into a biological weapon)," said Army Col. Glynda Lucas, Surgeon's Office chief of clinical operations, MNC-I. "Our adversaries are less likely to use it if they know our forces are already protected from it."

Administering the shot in three doses to a Soldier could lessen the symptoms caused by exposure to anthrax, but all six doses provide maximum effectiveness, Lucas said.

"We hope with the vaccine on board we can buy people time for treatment," she said. "It works the same way body armor does as a form of protection. We want to protect as many people as possible."

To complete the vaccination series, one must receive six doses of the anthrax vaccine over an 18-month period and receive a booster shot annually thereafter, said Army Maj.

Suann Ramsey, Surgeon's Office chief of preventive medicine, MNC-I.

"The first three doses provide you with the highest level of immunity and the rest help to strengthen the immunity," she said.

There are mild side effects frequently associated with the vaccine and rarely, more serious ones, Ramsey said.

"The most common side effects are soreness, knots in the muscle where they receive the vaccine, fatigue, burning sensation at injection site, redness, itching and swelling around injection site," she said. "Thirty percent of men report a small local reaction, while 60 percent of women report a small local reaction."

Army Staff Sgt. Morgan Whiteman, MNC-I commanding general communications NCOIC, received her second dose on June 4. She said she supports the vaccine even with minor side effects because it promotes preventive measures.

"I had a little swelling with my second shot and I put ice packs on it," she said. "It's important because it could save a Soldier's life. I volunteered for my first shot before I deployed because I didn't want to take a chance."

More information about the anthrax vaccine can be found at [www.anthrax.mil](http://www.anthrax.mil), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), or by contacting Ramsey at DSN 822-7972.

# Commentary

## Heard on the streets of Victory. . . *What artist would you like to see perform here?*



**Army Spc.  
Alexis Torres  
MNC-I**

“Jennifer Lopez, because she can boost morale just like that.”



**Air Force Tech Sgt.  
Julissa Vasquez  
MNC-I**

“Shania Twain, because she is a good singer and it would be a good morale booster for my male counterparts.”



**Army Sgt.  
Brad Woods  
MNC-I**

“Jamie Foxx. He is a small town boy making it big. He is from a Texas town near where I am from.”

“I’d like to see an Ultimate Fighting Championship fight. There aren’t too many Marines that wouldn’t enjoy the fight.”



**Marine Staff Sgt.  
Joseph Sutter  
MNF-I**

“Kirk Franklin, because he is a good entertainer and his music is very inspirational.”



**Army Spc.  
Zenia Jones  
504th MI Bde.**

“White Stripes is an interesting progressive band. They sing a song Seven Nation Army that is played in almost every soccer stadium in the world.”



**Navy Petty Officer  
1st Class Kieth  
Stansfield  
MNF-I**

## Chaplain’s Corner

### Happy Father’s Day 2007

**Navy Chaplain Dan Stallard**  
*CHC*

What is the origin of Father’s Day? Did you know there is an annual Presidential Father’s Day Proclamation? Why is Father’s Day important?

Father’s Day began in the heart of a daughter. During a Mother’s Day sermon in 1909 in Spokane, Wash., Sonora Smart Dodd had the idea of a

national day for recognizing fathers. Sonora was raised by her father after her mother’s death and because of her father’s selfless, unconditional love and moral courage to raise his daughter in a Godly home she wanted to express her gratitude.

The first Father’s Day was celebrated on June 1910 in Spokane in honor of all fathers. In 1926 a National Father’s Day committee was formed in New York City, then in 1956 Congress passed a joint resolution recognizing Father’s Day. In 1972, President Nixon proclaimed the third Sunday of June a National Day of Observance in honor of

fatherhood.

Honoring our mothers and fathers did not start in 1910. One of the Ten Commandments, written over 3,000 years ago, explicitly recognized honoring our mothers and fathers in the only command with a promise: “Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

What does it mean to honor our fathers and mothers? Honor is both an attribute of character and an act of attribution. As an attribute of character, honor is seen as the personal quality of

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# Reenlistment for critical occupations being offered incentive pay for a limited time

Story by Army Sgt. Abel Trevino  
28th Public Affairs Detachment

Certain military occupational specialties are being offered larger than average bonuses aimed at retaining Soldiers in critical career fields for a limited time.

The temporary reenlistment bonuses will expire July 6. This opportunity is available to active duty Soldiers currently deployed or under deployment orders whose contracted obligations of service end prior to September 2008. The bonuses are larger for Soldiers whose contracts expire before September 2007.

"The (Selective Reenlistment Bonus) is a monetary incentive to encourage Soldiers to reenlist and stay in their current MOS," said Army Master Sgt. Connie Davis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, career counselor. "The enhanced bonus encourages Soldiers with selective, critical skills and contractual obligations ending (fiscal year) 07 and FY 08 to stay with the team."

For some Soldiers, an additional five years of obligated service can yield up to \$33,500. Caveats do apply.

The enhanced bonus is broken down by which fiscal year the Soldier's obligation will end, and further broken down into three zones based on active service time completed, Davis said.

Zone A is 17 months to six years active service completed, Zone B is six to 10 years, and Zone C is 10 to 14 years.

"To receive this bonus, a Soldier must not have received a bonus in that zone," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Ross, HHC, MNC-I, career counselor.

Two unique aspects to the offering are the availability to Soldiers with deployment orders--not yet deployed--and the availability of bonuses to sergeants first class with certain jobs.

"E-7s in specific MOSs, with 10-14 years active federal service, in Zone C can receive the E-6 incentive," Davis said.

Sergeants first class in career management field 18 or military occupational specialties 11B, 37F 38B, 79R, 89D, 96B, 96D, 96H, and 98G are eligible to reenlist with the staff sergeant incentive bonus in Zones B and C provided they have not received a reenlistment in that zone before, Ross said.

For some Soldiers, the flat-rate bonus of the SRB may not be as beneficial as alternative reenlistment bonuses.

"Soldiers should compare all options so they are (getting what is in their best interest)," Davis said.

The SRB cannot be compounded with other bonuses, so Soldiers wanting to reenlist will have to choose which option is in their best interest. The timeline is running out.

"It could expire as early as July 6 without further notice," Davis said.

For more information, Soldiers can contact the MNC-I retention office in building 27A in person or over the phone at 822-3866.



Photo illustration by Army Sgt. Abel Trevino, 28th Public Affairs Detachment

# Motor pool team works hard every day to keep missions moving

Story, photo by  
Army Spc. Beatrice Florescu-Vila Verde  
MNC-I PAO

The Task Force Phantom battalion motor pool keeps units on Victory Camp moving and ready for their missions. The motor pool Soldiers and Civilians repair anything from add-on armor to safety items for various combat situations. They like their jobs because it allows them to see the results of their work.

“As a battalion motor pool sergeant, I disperse the workload and let the Soldiers know what needs to get fixed to go out,” said Army Sgt. 1st Class Vaughn Smith, a light wheel mechanic with Special Troops Battalion, TF Phantom, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

The motor pool staff is responsible for reporting non-mission capable vehicles, services due, dispatches and parts received for trucks that must go out the same day.

“Some days I go around trying to find parts because (the troops) have a mission, and we may have to stay here until 8 p.m. Sometimes, we are on call,” he said.

The personnel understand that this is a bigger picture than at a company level, as it would be back at home. Here there are 177 vehicles tracked daily, in addition to repairs needed by the Marines, Air Force and Navy.

“You have to be flexible. When a truck gets in at 6 p.m. for a job that takes three to four hours, I immediately go looking for parts because there is a mission early next morning,” Smith said.

Army Spc. Brad Myers, a mechanic from Fort Shafter, Hawaii, who is attached to the motor pool, said he likes working with III Corps. He worked with V Corps before as well.

“It’s something different every day and that is why I like my job. Sometimes we have to work long hours and it’s hard work too,” Myers said. “Since



Army Spc. Brad Myers and Army Sgt. Anourack Bui, both with STB, MNC-I, set in place a Jacob armor—the three-part armor surrounding the gunner’s seat on an upper armored vehicle—for assembly after repair, May 4.

III Corps came along, I have a day off every week.”

Army Sgt. 1st Class Yvonne Thomas, a truck driver and drivers’ training sergeant with 16 years’ experience is another part of the team. She likes working with people and enjoys the outdoors, she said.

“I love being outside, among people and vehicles and I think my job is fun,” Thomas said. “I like my job. If I didn’t I would have to get out. The team I work with is great. We all get along and we have fun together.”

The tool room supervisor and air conditioning technician ensures tools are functional and vehicles have functional air conditioning. Army Spc. Jacob Wyrick, STB, MNC-I, likes his job because he helps ensure the vehicles they perform maintenance on are up to standard and troops who go outside the wire can count on their vehicles.

“I think it’s awesome to be part of a team that supports MNC-I, Multi-National Forces-Iraq and the entire VBC,” Wyrick said.

# Interim uniform policy allows Soldiers to retain deployment ACUs

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Army News Service

A temporary change to Army uniform policy now allows active-duty Soldiers to retain the Army Combat Uniforms they were issued prior to deployment into combat zones.

Legislation is presently on Capitol Hill for consideration by Congress which would allow the interim change to become permanent. A final decision is expected by the end of September.

According to Col. Rebecca Samson, chief, Troop Support Division, Army G-4: "Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment is the property of the Army, not the individual Soldier, so the Army cannot give OCIE-issued ACUs to Soldiers because it's prohibited without proper authority.

"If Congress approves the proposed legislation, then deploying Soldiers can retain OCIE-issued ACUs worn in combat," she added. "The benefit is that Soldiers won't have to go through the turn-in procedures of OCIE-issued ACUs they wore in the combat environment."

Active Army Soldiers may retain their ACUs issued through OCIE guidance as listed on their OCIE clothing record until permanent change of station, expiration of term of service or retirement, whichever occurs first.

Redeploying Soldiers from all components who will end their term of ser-



Photo by Steve Bibiano

**A Soldier checks for proper fit of a patrol hat during the issue of his new Army Combat Uniform. Under a new interim policy, Soldiers will be allowed to keep their ACUs after their redeployment from combat zones.**

vice must turn in ACUs — including coats, trousers and the infrared flag, regardless of condition — to their home station, or demobilization clothing issue points.

Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are allowed to retain ACUs issued as OCIE when the mobilization stations perform a lateral transfer to their unit's property book officer.

Clothing records of individual Soldiers from all components deploying through the continental United States replacement centers will be maintained by the center's PBO until they can be

transferred.

Upon redeployment through the centers, Soldiers will be allowed to retain one set of ACUs for up to 120 days for ceremonial purposes, then they must be returned to the clothing issue points or sent to the Soldiers' property book officers.

Questions on OCIE-issued ACUs may be addressed to Shirley Bryant-Harper at (703) 614-0956 or e-mail [shirley.bryant-harper@hqda.army.mil](mailto:shirley.bryant-harper@hqda.army.mil), or Col. Rebecca Samson at (703) 693-9957 or e-mail [rebecca.samson@hqda.army.mil](mailto:rebecca.samson@hqda.army.mil).

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honesty, fairness and integrity. As an act of attribution we show respect, esteem and worth when we honor someone. When we honor our fathers and mothers it reveals our true character and the respect we have for them.

As a pastor and preacher, Mother's and Father's Day have been both a blessing and burden. The blessing comes from honoring all parents through the proclamation of the Word of God.

The burden comes from knowing there are many people who have heartache these days; heartache from a troubled childhood when they were not treated well by their parents, from not knowing a parent because of divorce or abandonment; heartache from wanting to be a parent but

are unable to have children of their own, from the loss of a child, heartache because a loving parent has passed away or from being separated from family because of war.

Why is Father's Day important? Father's Day is important because of the need to recognize the important role men and fathers have in our lives. On Father's Day I honor all the men who have made me a better person and mentored me in and out of the military, and who have demonstrated the character qualities of honesty, fairness and integrity.

I know this Father's Day we will be separated from those we love. I would like to encourage you to reach out through an e-mail, phone call, letter or card to share your gratitude with the men in your life who have helped shape your character.

# Vector Control keeps tabs on pests

Story, photos by  
Army Staff Sgt. Curt Cashour  
MNC-I Public Affairs

When native fauna causes problems for the residents of the Victory Base Complex, KBR Vector Control steps in and takes care of the animal problem.

As a Logistics Civil Augmentation Program manager with KBR Vector Control, Gary Orsack oversees a team of technicians who are responsible for keeping Victory Base Complex free from vectors, which are insects or animals that transmit diseases.

Potential vectors can take many forms. Some of the most common examples found on VBC are mosquitoes, flies, rodents, cats and dogs. Female dogs in heat can be particularly dangerous because they can attract large numbers of male dogs vying for affection, said Scott Brown, a Vector Control area supervisor who works out of Camp Liberty.

Other animals Vector technicians have dealt with include foxes, wolves and jackals, Brown said. The dogs and cats Vector technicians encounter are mostly feral, which are domesticated breeds that are living in the wild. Iraq has a sizeable population of feral cats and dogs because many Iraqis regard them as nuisances rather than pets, Orsack said.

"If you see a stray dog, it's generations and generations removed from being a domestic animal," he said.

For this reason, Orsack said its best for VBC residents to avoid stray cats and dogs they may encounter. To control the pest population, Vector technicians use a multi-pronged approach that includes education, animal trapping techniques and a little pesticide.

"We are in the prevention, business. We try to prevent problems," Orsack said.

This prevention takes the form of yearly drives to eliminate mosquito larvae, routine inspections of VBC facilities to eliminate conditions in which pests thrive, and the emplacement of various animal and insect



**Scott Brown, an area supervisor with Vector Control, secures inhabited animal traps in the back of a pick up truck June 11 at Camp Liberty. Brown would later transport the animals to a veterinary clinic on Camp Slayer, where they could be tested for diseases.**



**Eric Surface, a technician with Vector Control, stands next to a ditch on Camp Liberty close to a dismantled animal trap. People sometimes try to destroy and hide the traps in an attempt to keep animals from being caught, Surface said.**

traps. The goal of the animal traps, many of which are scattered around the outskirts of VBC, is to catch animals before they reach areas with concentrated populations.

Vector technicians then deliver the

creatures to a veterinarian on Camp Slayer, where the animals can be tested for diseases and euthanized.

To request assistance from a Vector Control technician, contact the Camp Victory Mayor' Cell at 822-2928.

## Announcements

### CIF closing

The VBC Central Issue Facility, located at Building 51R, will be closed for all but emergency issue June 25-29. Contact Chief Warrant Officer Wendy Robinson at 822-3202.

### OCS/OTS Grads

There will be an OCS/OTS reunion for graduates from all branches July 7 at 7 p.m. at Al Faw Palace. Cost is \$15. Volunteers are needed to help with preparations.

Those interested should e-mail Army Capt. Ahmad Perry at [ahmad.perry@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:ahmad.perry@iraq.centcom.mil).

### Victory Chapel Gospel Service

The first Sunday of every month at noon anyone is invited to join Praise at the Palace in the Al Faw Ballroom. Holy Communion will be served.

### Local SkillPort CBT Server

The Local SkillPort CBT Server has been made available to those interested in the IT field or those who want to know more about particular software products.

Go to <http://training.iraq.centcom.mil/skillport>. For information, contact Ed Tyler at 822-4871.

### Sharepoint training

Sharepoint TIER Level Two hands-on training occurs every Sunday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Building 88A, T-1 Trailer. Be sure to submit your letter of appointment to David Archer prior to arriving at class.

### Spiritual growth

If you are new to the family of God, join others in taking first steps toward spiritual growth. Classes are held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Mini-Chapel. Contact Army Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Purifoy at 822-4882 or [patrick.purifoy@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:patrick.purifoy@iraq.centcom.mil) for more details.

### Chirunning

Chirunning, a revolutionary approach to running, is taught Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Mayor's Cell conference room. Visit [www.chirunning.com](http://www.chirunning.com) for more details.

### Mandatory briefing

All VBC tenants going on R&R must attend an R&R Reunion and Suicide briefing prior to leaving.

Briefings are held at Victory Chapel, Mondays at 3 p.m., Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m.

## Operating Hours

- Coalition Cafe**  
Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 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**  
Open 24 Hours
- Camp Liberty Post Exchange**  
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Fitness Center**  
Open 24 Hours
- MNC-I STB Mailroom**  
9 a.m. - noon  
5 - 7 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 8 a.m. - 4:30 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 - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Personnel Service Support Centers**  
Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ID Cards**  
Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Worship Hours

- Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)**  
**Sunday**  
7 a.m. .... Collective Protestant  
8:45 a.m. .... Collective Protestant  
10 a.m. .... Catholic Confession  
10:30 a.m. .... Catholic Mass  
noon. .... Gospel Protestant  
2 p.m. .... Latter Day Saints  
4 p.m. .... Episcopal/Lutheran  
6:30 p.m. .... Contemporary Protestant
- Saturday**  
11 a.m. .... Seventh Day Adventist  
8 p.m. .... Catholic Mass
- Mini Chapel (Bldg. 24F)**  
**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. .... Breaking of Bread  
3 p.m. .... Church of Christ  
7:30 p.m. .... Latter Day Saints  
8 p.m. .... Knights of Columbus  
(1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Monday-Friday**  
11:30 p.m. .... Daily Mass
- Friday**  
6:30 p.m. .... Jewish Service

## AFN Freedom Radio

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  - Ar Ramadi... 107.3
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## REWARD

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the individual responsible for the rape of a U.S. Soldier, which took place in a female latrine on Camp Striker. The incident occurred at approximately 3:10 a.m. on April 17. Efforts are underway to locate, identify and apprehend the male responsible for the assault. Information related to the incident may be provided to the Camp Slayer CID at 318-835-1452/1453.

## Area 51 Weekly Schedule

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Fight Night XBox 360 Tournament 8 p.m.	Pool Tournament 8 p.m.	Ping Pong Tournament 8 p.m.	Halo 2 Tournament 8 p.m.	Salsa Night 8 p.m.	Reggae Night 8 p.m.	DJ Big Will Smooth Sunday 8 p.m.

**Do you have an announcement about an event of interest to the Camp Victory community? Contact Spc. Beatrice Florescu at [beatrice.florescu@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:beatrice.florescu@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.**

## Runners take on Task Force Ready 10K

Story, photo by Marine Sgt. Jess Kent

MNC-IPAO

The 504th Military Intelligence Brigade hosted a Task Force Ready 10K Race for eager athletes across Victory Base Complex Sunday.

Approximately 400 runners participated in the race, which began at the Area 51.

"This run is about motivation," said Army Sgt. 1st Class John Cauley, operations NCOIC, 504th MI Bde. "It shows that besides the hostile environment, there's something to do to relax, that enhances spirits and minds. It shows that no matter what goes on, we drive on and do what we can to meet the mission."

Army Master Sgt. Juan Colunga was the overall winner in 35 minutes, 42 seconds. Army 1st Lt. Sarah Day, who won the last half marathon, was on his heels at 36:22.

The second place male winner was Army Brig. Gen. Steven Anderson, who completed the race in 37:00. The second place female was Army 1st Lt. Mary Grace Tilman, who finished in 44:25.

Army Maj. Shawn Smith was the third place male, completing the race in 38:02. Finishing in 46:48, Army Spc. Christy Wyzda was the third place female winner.

Regardless of the time, each participant crossed the finish line, Colunga said. Every runner who completed the race was a winner.

"There was a lot of competition in this race, and it was a really good turnout," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're a fast runner or not. It matters that you tough it out and finish the whole race."

In Colunga's opinion, events such as the 10K show that whether individuals are Civilians or serving the Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps, they are all on the same team here.

"All the participants seem to have had a good time," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Roberts, 504th MI Bde. "It was a beautiful morning with no wind. The race gave everybody a chance to get together and Task Force Ready Soldiers did a great job of setting it up!"

Every person who participated in the race received a T-shirt and hat donated from New Balance. The top three winners were awarded Certificates of Achievement in front of the brigade.

New Balance, the sponsor of the run, recently donated more than 100 pairs of shoes for Sneakers to Soldiers. New Balance is a major sponsor of the Army 10-mile run in Washington, D.C. this summer.



Runners take off in front of the starting line for the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, Task Force Ready 10K.