

Maverick fuelers fill important daily functions

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BAGHDAD — Radar and satellite equipment beep and flash, as information flicker across computer screens used for base defense.

Standing amid the state of the art technology, one might forget that all of the equipment would come to a shuddering halt without the assistance from a group of Maverick troops, here.

The fuel supply specialists from Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division know they have done their part to provide the generator power that protects Victory Base Complex, Iraq. Generators are necessary in the places where power lines don't reach and it is up to the fuel supply specialists to keep those generators fueled and running.

“It's an important job as far as daily operations go,” said Spc. Thomas Lyons, a fuel supply specialist, from Akron, Ohio. “If you ever hear ‘Incoming!’, one of the reasons you hear it, is because there is fuel there to run the radars.”

Every day, Soldiers from the DSTB are up early making their rounds delivering fuel to key points throughout VBC. Besides running satellite equipment used for signal operations, the generators are responsible for general electricity and air conditioning, added Lyons.

Each fueling point is critical for the overall operations of VBC and each point requires fuelers to be constantly aware of hazards.



Photo by Spc. Howard Alperin, MND-B PAO

Spc. Israel Cruz, a fuel supply specialist, from Floresville, Texas, fills up five-gallon containers at a coordinated fuel point at Victory Base Complex, here, Sept. 8. Some of the fuel points maintain generators for signal operations, making sure radars and communications equipment coordinate effectively, said Cruz, of Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division.

As Lyons uncoils the hose to the fuel nozzle at the first stop on their daily run, he explained the first responsibility on any fuel point is to prevent any kind of static electricity from popping up.

“We're always watching for fire hazards,” said Spc. Israel Cruz, a fuel supply specialist from Floresville, Texas. “Safety is our main concern.”

“We watch for anything that might cause sparks because the fuel is highly [combustible],” said Lyons, assigned to Headquarters Support Company, DSTB, 1st Cavalry Division.

Twenty minutes later, at another fueling point, a still smoldering burn pit was positioned

too close.

“Sometimes people don't think or don't realize what they are doing,” said Cruz, assigned to HSC, DSTB. “We're also real careful about any kind of cigarettes being around.”

The fuelers are at their job shortly after the break of dawn, as temperatures are cooler and it reduces the risk of fire. Between the fourth and fifth fuel points, the weather becomes a topic of interest.

“Our flashpoint is 100 degrees Fahrenheit, this is when the danger is that much higher,” said Lyons. The flashpoint doesn't mean fuel will catch fire at 100 degrees, it means it is much more combustible at that

temperature, he added.

After filling dozens of five-gallon containers and carrying them to their delivery points, the daily functions for these Soldiers can seem mundane. It could be easy to lose focus, but they are motivated to keep the base safe and make sure missions stay on target.

“Since January, we've issued over 100,000 gallons of fuel,” said Cruz.

These fuelers know the importance of the role they play with operations on Victory Base Complex and take it in stride. There's not a lot of glory in what they do, yet they do it every day with precision and safety as the priority.

Old Hickory troops reduce footprint

By Sgt. Waine Haley
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BAGHDAD — Soldiers from 113th Field Artillery, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team took the “labor” part of Labor Day literally as cleaned-up and turned over Patrol Base Dolby to the Government of Iraq, Sept. 7.

As part of the Security Agreement, U.S. forces continue to reduce their operational footprint by turning over secure areas in southern Baghdad to the Government of Iraq.

According to Capt. Brain Grey, commander of B Battery, 113th FA, Dolby was constructed during the troop surge of 2006 to help root out al-Qaeda in the area.

The location of the base, hard work by U.S. and Iraqi troops and local civilians wanting a better place to live finally drove out the insurgent groups that infested the area.

“The good the U.S. Army has done shows in relationships the people have with Soldiers,” said Sameer Al-Haddad, the Receivership Secretariat and representative to the Office of the Prime Minister. “The people in this area are very happy.”

“The area should be fine with us pulling back,” said Grey. “We’re go-



Photo by Sgt. Waine Haley, 30th HBCT PAO

Spc. Ryan Shortell, B Battery, 113th Field Artillery, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, an automated logistical specialist from Monroe, N.C., stacks concrete T-walls as U.S. troops prepare for the handover of Forward Operating Base Dolby to the Government of Iraq, Sept. 7.

ing to keep doing patrols in the area.”

Mr. Al-Haddad went on to say he is happy with the results of the properties’ restoration to its original condition. “I want to thank the U.S. Army for doing such a good job cleaning up

and making sure environment is returned the way it was found,” stated al-Haddad.

The original owners will take possession of the surrounding land and the search for the house owner con-

tinues. Three of the four land owning families are still in the area and showed up the day of the turnover.

“We are a government for the people and the returning of the property shows this,” said al-Haddad.



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Sgt. Kenneth Helms, of B Battery, 113th Field Artillery, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, a recovery team chief from Monroe, N.C., gathers trash at Patrol Base Dolby prior to an inspection by Government of Iraq officials, Sept. 7.

Stallion Battalion compete on Sports Day

Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell, MND-B PAO



BAGHDAD – Staff Sgt. Selesese Sokimi (right), from Tacoma, Wash., tries to use his moves to get around Sgt. 1st Class Taylor Derrick (left), from Longview, Texas.



Soldiers from 2nd “Stallion” Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, jump for the ball during the Stallion Battalion Sports Day at Joint Security Station Nassir Wa Salaam, here, Sept. 5. The competition pitted different companies against each other in a series of athletic events throughout the day. The Soldiers from Company B won the volleyball tournament.



Sgt. Maj. Luke Lichtenwalner from Slatington, Penn., tries to hit a ringer during the horseshoe competition at JSS Nassir Wa Salam.



During the tug-of-war competition, 2nd Lt. Joel Mougey (right), an intelligence officer, Spc. Joseph Engle (middle), a dismount and Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Jones (left), a platoon sergeant, pull in unison at the final event of the day for the Stallion Battalion Sports Day at Joint Security Station Nassir Wa Salaam, here, Sept. 5.

On This Day In History

September 11, 2001

Attack on America

At 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors. As the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway, television cameras broadcasted live images of what initially appeared to be a freak accident. Then, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767--United Airlines Flight 175--appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center, and sliced into the south tower at about the 60th floor. The collision caused a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and the streets below. America was under attack.

The attackers were Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and several other Arab nations. Reportedly financed by Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terrorist organization, they were allegedly acting in retaliation for America's support of Israel, its involvement in the Persian Gulf War, and its continued military presence in the Middle East. Some of the terrorists had lived in the United States for more than a year and had taken flying lessons at American commercial flight schools. Others had slipped into the U.S. in the months before September 11 and acted as the "muscle" in the operation. The 19 terrorists easily smuggled box-cutters and knives through security at three East Coast airports and boarded four flights bound for California, chosen because the planes were loaded with fuel for the long transcontinental journey. Soon after takeoff, the terrorists commandeered the four planes and took the controls, transforming the ordinary commuter jets into guided missiles.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Howard Alperin, MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — Spc. Thomas Lyons, a fuel supply specialist from Akron, Ohio, retrieves empty five-gallon containers to fill at a fuel point at Victory Base Complex, here, Sept. 8.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

What was going through the minds of all Chuck Norris' victims before they died? His Shoe .

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Quote For Today

“When you talk, you repeat what you already know, when you listen, you often learn something.”

— Jared Sparks-

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
98° F | 77° F



Tomorrow
104° F | ° F



Sunday
102° F | 78° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

What running back is the only player to rush for 200 yards in college and as a pro in one season?

Last Issue's Answer: The other players are women

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 152 was produced by Sgt Erik Fardette, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

The September 10 newscast includes the following two stories:

1. Providing clean and safe water.

Paratroopers are working on a mobile solar-powered water treatment system to provide clean and safe water to the people of Iraq. People could get really sick without clean safe water.

2. Soldiers on the move.

Because of the Iraqi Security Agreement troops are moving out of

the cities. The 3rd of the 82nd Field Artillery Unit is on the move and now working with the Iraqi Army. Now, they are working mostly with Sunni people. The Soldiers are adapting well in new location.

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Trigger's Teasers

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Yesterday's Answers

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

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