

# Air Cavalry host top Iraqi general

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — U.S. aviation units during Operation Iraqi Freedom have been crucial in preventing attacks, on not just U.S. military forces, but also the Iraqi army and civilians.

As the U.S. gradually winds down its role in the ongoing conflict, the Iraqi Air Force must pick up where units like the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, leave off and forge their own identity in maintaining control of the skies and the ground.

To get a closer look at the capabilities of the 1st ACB and their partnership with the IAF, Gen. Abud Qanbar Hashim al-Maliki, commanding general, Baghdad Operations Command, visited 1st ACB and IAF headquarters, Sept. 10, to view the progress of the IAF and the aircraft used to protect Soldiers from both nations.

Abud, accompanied on his visit by Maj. Gen. Daniel Bolger, from Aurora, Ill., commanding general, 1st Cav. Div. and MND – B, said he wanted to see the 1st ACB and IAF operations.

“On this visit I also wanted to see the level of cooperation between the Iraqi Air Force and the U.S. Air Force,” Abud said. “What I saw shows vital coordination between both.”

The amount of effort from the IAF and the 1st ACB to support Baghdad and the surrounding areas has also been impressive, Abud said.

“The partnership between both is important and I wanted to con-



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB, PAO

Showing sincere appreciation, Maj. Gen. Daniel Bolger (right), commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, MND-B, thanks Gen. Abud Qanbar Hashim al-Maliki (left), commanding general, Baghdad Operations Command, for attending a meeting to show the capabilities of the Iraqi Air Force and how they can benefit the Iraqi Army.

firm that it is strong on this visit,” Abud said. “The partnership indicates the level of the Iraqi air force and their performance on the joint missions with the Air Cav.”

Abud said it is crucial for both sides to continue working alongside each other in order for the IAF to successfully continue the mission in the future.

“It was visible the coordination and help given to us from the American side today,” Abud said. “To conduct the missions critical to BOC they have been helpful in building and supporting the Iraqi air force.”

Abud toured a static display of both U.S. and Iraqi aircraft, including an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter of the 1st ACB and said he was impressed with the Apache.

“What I saw was excellent,”

Abud said in reference to the Apache. “I want to thank the crews and technicians who work on these choppers.”

Bolger said the visit was important so Abud could learn more about the 1st ACB and their aerial assets, but also the IAF and their development.

“The goal for Gen. Abud is to learn what helicopter aviation can do for the fight in Baghdad and what he can do to better encourage the partnership in this operation,” Bolger said.

Partnership is a key word at this stage of the war, Bolger said, which makes visits like this important.

“What we really want to know is what each side brings to the fight and what can each side to do help the other guys improve,” Bolger said. “What we have here

is a great hand in hand partnership. It’s not just American-Iraqi, but American Air Force and Army working together.”

“The ultimate goal is to get the Iraqi military as capable as possible with all their forces,” he added.

Bolger said he is impressed with the progress being made by the Iraqi air force.

“When you consider that the Iraqi air force was pretty well destroyed in 2003 ... it takes a long time to train air crew and ground aviation capabilities,” Bolger said. “Yet look at them now, they’re flying alongside us and got their own aircraft and strengths.”

“You can see as they work with our Apache’s that their future will represent more and more capabilities at each point.”

# Commander receives first apache flight

Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB, PAO



CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Lt. Col. Charles Dalcourt (left), from Baton Rouge, La., commander, 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, shares with Maj. Gen. James Hunt (right), deputy commanding general, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, the details of his Tactical Operations Center and the capabilities “First Attack” has for monitoring and communicating with their aircraft. Shortly after, Hunt moved to the flight line for a tour of 1-227th’s area of operations and his very first flight in an AH64-D Apache attack helicopter, Sept. 11.



Sgt. Marilyn C. Ortega (left), from Houston, the aviation life support equipment noncommissioned officer in charge for 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, assists Maj. Gen. James Hunt (right), deputy commanding general, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, with his flight gear just prior to his tour of “First Attack’s” area of operation and his very first flight in an AH64-D Apache attack helicopter.



Maj. Gen. James Hunt, deputy commanding general, MNC-I prepares for his first flight in an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter during his visit to 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Sept. 11.

# Paratroopers enter elite NCO Club

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BAGHDAD — Following months of preparation, studying and a demanding two-day competition, 11 noncommissioned officers saw the fruit of their hard work pay off when they were inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, here, Sept. 12.

The NCOs from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad were honored during an official ceremony commemorating their induction into the club.

The SAMC was established to recognize NCOs who demonstrate high leadership qualities, professionalism and care for their Soldiers' welfare.

The SAMC is named after the most decorated Soldier in U.S. history, Audie Murphy. Despite being denied entry into the Marines and the Paratroopers for his height, the 5 ft., 5 in., Texas native earned every medal for valor including the military's highest award, the Medal of Honor, during World War II.

During the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Payton, of Grenada, Miss., with 1st Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment, told the newest members of the club that they displayed perseverance, determination and resilience during the competition and their service to their country. He said these qualities are the same as those demonstrated by Audie Murphy.

Payton also said that the ceremony represents the legacy of Audie Murphy and recognizes the great leaders in the NCO ranks of the 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div and the Army. He added that the event was fitting in honor of the Army's year-long theme "Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer."

"These NCOs are battle-tested and cannot be discouraged by any obstacle," he said. "I'm proud to stand beside you all. You are all great leaders, professionals and lead from the front."

In order to be bestowed the honor of being called a member of the SAMC, Paratroopers had to pass a series of events such as a physical



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Alex Licea, 3rd BCT PAO

Paratroopers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, congratulate the newest members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club following a ceremony, Sept. 12, held at Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq, located outside eastern Baghdad.

fitness test, a hands-on evaluation on the functions of several crew-served weapons, proper first-aid procedures and a leadership board where the NCOs were asked a series of leadership-based situational questions.

For Staff Sgt. Nicholas McNair,

of Richmond, Va., assigned to A Company, 1st Bn., 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, this has been a long time in the making.

"I have been preparing for this since I joined the Army," he said. "It feels really good to earn this honor."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Alex Licea, 3rd BCT PAO

The 11 newest members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club stand together and recite the Non-commissioned officer creed, Sept. 12, during the SAMC ceremony held Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq, located outside eastern Baghdad. The NCOs earned the right join the elite club after competing in a two-day event last spring.

# On This Day In History

September 14, 1814

Key composes "The Star-Spangled Banner"



Francis Scott Key composes the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the massive British bombardment

of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812. Key, an American lawyer, watched the siege while under detainment on a British ship and penned the famous words after observing that the U.S. flag over Fort McHenry had survived the 1,800-bomb assault. After circulating as a handbill, the patriotic lyrics were published in a Baltimore newspaper on September 20. Set to the tune of "To Anacreon in Heaven," an English drinking song written by the British composer John Stafford Smith, it soon became popular throughout the nation. Throughout the 19th century, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was regarded as the national anthem by the U.S. armed forces and other groups, but it was not until 1916, and the signing of an executive order by President Woodrow Wilson, that it was formally designated as such. In 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a Congressional act confirming Wilson's presidential order.

# MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB PAO

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Images from the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks flank Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Wood, from Long Beach Island, N.J., 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, as he speaks to Soldiers at a remembrance service commemorating the anniversary of that fateful day, Sept. 11, at the Tigris River Chapel.

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### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today  
106° F | 79° F



Tomorrow  
104° F | 75° F



Wednesday  
106° F | 77° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

The word “vaccine” comes from the Latin word *vaccinus* which refers to what?

Last Issue’s Answer: Barry Sanders

# 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 # 123 was produced by Sgt Erik Fardette, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

The July 31 newscast includes the following two stories:

1. Storing good relationships with Iraq’s children.

Abu Ghraib celebrated the opening of a school supply warehouse. The project is a great step in developing schools in the area. The school supply warehouse provides a good start to a new school year.

2. Training academy helps National Police.

The academy teaches National

Police new things they will be able to take back to their units and help make improvements. The trust and respect the National police have earned is because of the training they have received at the academy.

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## Trigger’s Teasers

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

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



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