

Work with different languages, same skills

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BAGHDAD — As the U.S. military prepares to draw down in Iraq, Soldiers of the Grayling, Mich. based 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Eng. Battalion, 225th Eng. Brigade, are working alongside the 6th Iraqi Army Engineer Regiment to build a new operations center.

The Soldiers of both armies are working hand in hand to not only build a new operation center at al-Muthana Airfield in the Karkh district of Baghdad, but are establishing rapport between the two cultures.

The old airfield, which is now being converted into a new Iraqi Army base, is a prime example of many successful joint



Photo by 1st Lt. Michael Lind, 225th Eng. Bde., PAO

Staff Sgt. Darrell Brossette (right), of Alexandria, La., and a 6th Iraqi Army Engineer Regiment Soldier move lumber during construction of a new Iraqi Army operations center at al-Muthana Airfield in the Karkh district of Baghdad on Sept. 14. The U.S. engineers are mentoring the Iraqi engineers on vertical construction skills that the Soldiers will put to good use on the next project.



Photo by 1st Lt. Michael Lind, 225th Eng. Bde., PAO

Pvt. Chris Troyer (left), from Wyoming, Mich., and Sgt. Charles Craig, of Millington, Mich., mark locations along the framework, Sept. 14. The Soldiers are part of the 1434th Engineer Company (V), 101st Engineer Battalion, 225th Engineer Brigade, and work side by side with Iraqi Army engineers to complete the project at al-Muthana Airfield,

American-Iraqi engineering missions.

Sgt. 1st Class Ted Blanford, of Toledo, Ohio, said that this mission is extremely important on many levels.

“Doing a project like this helps the Soldiers of the Iraqi Army feel that they have a personal hand in the reconstruction of their country. A mission such as this helps to ensure that we are leaving the Iraqi Army Soldiers [with the] proper training in construction techniques to help reconstruct their communities.”

Spc. Jeff Rochefort, from Munising, Mich., noted that working with the friendly Soldiers of the Iraqi Army has gone really well.

“Their English is not the greatest so it’s hard to understand everything, however, for the most part, they have taught us some simple terms in

their language,” Rochefort explained.

Rochefort mentioned that while they require some instruction on basic construction techniques Iraqi Soldiers are quick to complete any task to standard.

Though culturally different, this mission has brought not just Soldiers but people from two separate backgrounds together. Soldiers from the 1434th Eng. Co. and the 6th IA Eng. Reg. are perfect examples of how to maintain friendly international relations.

“They have shown all of us the upmost respect. The Soldiers that we have been working with here are great guys and would probably give you there shirt off their back,” said Rochefort.

The project at al-Muthana is expected to be complete by late October.

Biden supprises troops in Baghdad

Photos by Spc. Phillip A. Turner
MND-B PAO



BAGHDAD — Vice President Joe Biden took time during an unscheduled visit to Camp Liberty's, Pegasus Dining Facility, Sept. 17 to visit troops deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Spc. Tonya Nichols, a shift leader at the Pegasus Dining Facility on Camp Liberty, with HSC, DSTB, who hails from Killeen, Texas, greets Vice President Joe Biden as he makes a surprise visit to military personnel.



Vice President Joe Biden took time to visit with Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Vice President Joe Biden wishes troops well as he works his way around the room making sure to speak with every individual inside the Pegasus Dining Facility, on Camp Liberty in Baghdad, Iraq Sept. 17.



Vice President Joe Biden Offers a winning smile to troops as he makes an unscheduled visit to Camp Liberty's Pegasus Dining Facility, in Baghdad, Sept. 17.



Vice President Joe Biden renders a salute to Army commanders waiting to greet him outside the Pegasus Dining Facility on Camp Liberty, in Baghdad Sept. 17.

Daggers end tour, enter Audie Murphy Club

Spc. Howard Alperin
MND-B PAO

VICTORY BASE COMPLEX, Iraq — The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, dedicated to excellence in leadership, has become synonymous with the highest principles in the Army. The club is based on the dedication and unassuming nature of the most highly decorated Army Soldier of World War II—Audie Murphy.

A ceremony was held here, Sept. 12, to welcome eight new members into the club; non-commissioned officers who earned the prestigious honor of becoming an SAMC member by proving themselves as great leaders.

Receiving the honor at the end of a deployment to Iraq makes it that much more special, said one of the inductees.

“It’s definitely a culminat-



Photo by Spc. Howard Alperin

Sgt. 1st Class William Collins (left), a personal security detachment platoon sergeant from Baltimore, assigned to HHC, 2nd BCT, 1st Inf. Div. accepts his certificate of initiation for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, here, Sept. 12, from Command Sgt. Maj. Rory.

ing event for this tour,” said Sgt. 1st Class William Collins, a personal security detachment platoon sergeant from Baltimore, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. “Soldiers have been going hard for more than 11 months. Receiving this honor is for all the Soldiers.”

The NCOs prepped for months for the chance to be selected.

“I got together with another NCO and we used our time to maximize our chances,” said Staff Sgt. Brett Harper, a personal security detachment platoon sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment. Induction to the SAMC is based mostly on how Soldiers handle themselves in a leadership role.

“A lot of the preparation was thinking about situational questions, like escalation of force, we spent a lot of time studying and thinking of vignettes,” said Harper.

The whole spectrum of NCO duties and responsibilities, including weapons certification, first aid and physical training are taken into consideration, but they are only part of the selection process. It’s about knowing how to apply the regulations and the policies, said Command Sgt. Maj. Rory Malloy, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, from Campbellsburg, Ind., the guest speaker at the ceremony.

For these NCOs, this deployment was about having the character to face challenges on the battlefield and remain resilient through it all. Becoming an Audie Murphy member is much more than just appearing before a board of senior sergeants, added Malloy.

He also compared the values

put forth by the newly inducted NCOs with the values of Audie Murphy, who fought courageously for his fellow Soldiers and for his country.

“These NCOs have demonstrated excellence by showing a commitment to our Soldiers and to our Army throughout the year,” Malloy continued. “They have demonstrated outstanding dedication and duty in leading our Soldiers.”

Malloy reminded all the Soldiers in attendance of Audie Murphy’s triumphs of courage in the face of insurmountable odds. For his combat action during World War II, Audie Murphy received the Medal of Honor and 32 additional U.S. decorations. He was also awarded medals and citations for valor from France and Belgium.

“You are Audie Murphy’s legacy, you will walk in his footsteps, and you will live up to his image from this day forward,” Malloy conveyed.

Malloy also addressed the expectations that come with being a part of the elite SAMC.

“They will be expected to live up to a much higher standard than that of their peers,” Malloy continued, “They are the standard-bearers.” And many of the Audie Murphy members become sergeants major, he added.

He praised the current group of NCOs being inducted and recognized the entire Dagger BCT for their outstanding service.

“Your presence and support speaks for itself. You have been recognized by [U.S. forces] and by the Iraqi people,” said Malloy. “You have lived up to the great history of the Dagger Brigade and you are now a storied part of its history.”

The feeling of becoming a member of SAMC was an in-



Photo by Spc. Howard Alperin

Staff Sgt. Alejandro Pulido, a tanker, from Orange County, Calif., accepts his certificate of initiation for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, here, Sept. 12, from Command Sgt. Maj. Rory Malloy

describable moment in time for one of the NCOs.

“There’s no way to explain it. To be recognized as that top percent of NCOs and join the Audie Murphy club is a great feeling,” said Staff Sgt. Alejandro Pulido, a tanker, from Orange County, Calif., assigned to 1st Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, 2nd BCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Each of the newly inducted NCOs were awarded an MND-B command sergeant major coin of excellence, a brigade command sergeant major coin of excellence, an Audie Murphy medallion, a certificate of initiation and an Army commendation medal.

These NCOs are keeping the Audie Murphy legend alive to be passed on to future generations of Soldiers. The recognition of their achievement comes at the end of one journey and the beginning of another, as they prepare to return to their home duty station.

On This Day In History

September 18, 1973

Carter files report on UFO sighting



On this day in 1973, future President Jimmy Carter files a report with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), claiming he had seen an Uniden-

tified Flying Object (UFO) in October 1969.

During the presidential campaign of 1976, Democratic challenger Carter was forthcoming about his belief that he had seen a UFO. He described waiting outside for a Lion's Club Meeting in Leary, Georgia, to begin, at about 7:30 p.m., when he spotted what he called "the darndest thing I've ever seen" in the sky. Carter, as well as 10 to 12 other people who witnessed the same event, described the object as "very bright [with] changing colors and about the size of the moon." Carter reported that "the object hovered about 30 degrees above the horizon and moved in toward the earth and away before disappearing into the distance." He later told a reporter that, after the experience, he vowed never again to ridicule anyone who claimed to have seen a UFO.

During the presidential campaign of 1976, Carter promised that, if elected president, he would encourage the government release "every piece of information" about UFOs available to the public and to scientists. After winning the presidency, though, Carter backed away from this pledge, saying that the release of some information might have "defense implications" and pose a threat to national security.

MND-B Pic of the day!



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

SALMAN PAK, Iraq — Pfc. Juan Ramirez, of Los Angeles, checks his surroundings during a combined foot patrol inside a market, Sept. 16, in the small village of Kersa, located in the town of Salman Pak, Iraq. Ramirez and his fellow Paratroopers conducted the presence patrol in order to check on the area's security and deter any suspicious activity. The patrol also saw Paratroopers and their Iraqi partners spread goodwill to many of the local children by handing out toys and backpacks at a nearby school. Ramirez is an infantryman assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

Some people wear Superman pajamas. Superman wears Chuck Norris pajamas.

Come Join Us for a celebration of Hispanic Cultures...



Date: 9 Oct 09

Location: MWR Field House

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Quote For Today

“I would rather die standing, than live life on my knees.”

— Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara —
Latin American Revolutionary

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
98° F | 71° F



Tomorrow
98° F | 77° F



Sunday
98° F | 75° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

Why did German scientist Wilhelm Roentgen name the invisible rays he discovered X-rays?

Last Issue's Answer: Jimmy Hoffa

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 # 157 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. CPT Matthew Pleasant, Commander of Bravo Company, 1/120th Combined Arms Battalion, 30th HBCT from Raleigh, North Carolina, meets with local leaders to act as a bridge between the people and the Iraqi Army. They encourage the Iraqi Army to be more forthcoming with information.

2. SSG Brett Harper, a member of HHT, 5th Squadron, 4th Cav-

alry Regiment from Pollock Pines, California, a recent inductee into the SGT Audie Murphy Club, talks about his experience.

It is an opportunity for NCOs to meet with other NCOs

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Trigger's Teasers

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

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

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



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