

Cavalry Soldiers give shirts off their back

By Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim
1st Cav. Div. PAO

COPPERAS COVE, Texas — Before Lt. Col. Charles Dalcourt and the rest of 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, deployed to Iraq, he wanted to revive the relationship between their Adopt-A-School and his unit.

With 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment’s operational tempo, their involvement fell off, admitted Capt. Michael Hutson, its rear detachment commander during this deployment to Iraq.

So, Hudson, of Luftkin,

Texas, and his Soldiers visited with Copperas Cove Junior High School’s Stacy Bradley, who is the Community in Schools site director, and basically asked her what she and her students wanted.

Bradley, who works with students whose families may have socioeconomic disadvantages, asked Hutson for clothes, shoes and positive role models.

“There are so many guys here who just don’t have a real, strong role-model,” she said.

Last summer, Hutson’s unit members started a clothes and

shoes drive throughout the entire 1st ACB. During their brigade’s “Back to School Bash,” last summer, they gathered more than six, big boxes of clothes and shoes for Bradley’s class.

“With the gently, used clothes they’ve brought me already that look great, I can help with the kids’ self esteem,” Bradely said. “It helps as they go through the day – some of them get picked on because their clothes aren’t clean or new – it’s one less problem they have to worry about going through the day.”

Although Bradley was elated with the donation of clothes and shoes, 1st Sgt. Palermo Deschamps, said he feels that it hasn’t been enough.

“There’s a lot of needs that they have, and unfortunately given the circumstances, we’ve been so busy with rear detachment work, we haven’t been able to give them everything that they need,” said Deschamps of the Bronx, N.Y.

“They could use a lot more than what we’ve given them.”

There are a few future projects the rear detachment sergeant major has in the works. Along with mentorship and tutoring, Deschamps, who is somewhat of a handyman, plans on painting and building shelves for Bradley’s classroom.

The relationship between Copperas Cove Jr. High School and 1st Bn., 227th Avn. Regt., is one that Bradley is extremely happy about.

“I love these guys,” she said of the Soldiers.

Hutson said his unit feels the same way about CCJHS.

“Ms. Bradley is an amazing teacher ... she really believes in the kids and their education and she’s been our point of contact the entire time we started the program,” Hutson said.

“We are committed to helping her out any way we can. She’s just an amazing person, and she gives a lot of herself to these students.”



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim

1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division’s 1st Sgt. Palermo Deschamps (right), of the Bronx, N.Y. and Spc. William Colley, of College Station, Texas, bring a box of clothes to Copperas Cove Jr. High School’s Community in Schools classroom Oct. 1, in Copperas Cove, Texas

Building relations during assessments

By Pfc. Jared Gehmann, 3rd BCT PAO,
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BAGHDAD — Sgt. Francisco Morales, of Fresno, Calif., offers a piece of gum to a Iraqi as they prepare to meet a local area leader during a soccer field assessment mission, Oct. 5.



A group of Iraqi boys try to grab the attention of Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Smith, of Springfield, Ore., as military and local leaders discuss an upcoming soccer tournament during a assessment mission, Oct. 5, in the town of Jasn Diyala, Iraq. Paratroopers evaluated the area in preparation for a soccer tournament.



A community leader shows family pictures to Lt. Col. Michael Shinnery (left), of Alexandria, Va., during a day-long assessment mission, Oct. 5, in preparation for an upcoming soccer tournament in the town of Jasn Diyala, Iraq, located in the Ma'dain region on the outskirts of eastern Baghdad. Shinnery serves as the deputy commander for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad.

“Mandatory fun” for Old Hickory Soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan
30th HBCT PAO

BAGHDAD— “Mandatory fun”, is military slang for morale events, but for Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Falcon, south of Baghdad, no arm twisting was needed.

The command of the 30th Special Troops Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team hosted the party, Oct. 3, with a barbecue, games and raffle for the unit’s Soldiers and guests.

“It is for the morale of the Soldier,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Bill Wyrick, of Salisbury, N.C. “A break of the everyday routine and they can be themselves.”

More than 160 burgers and chickens roasted over open flames as Soldiers lined up for the feast.

“The grill gives them a taste of home,” said 1st Sgt. Douglas Lodge, of Company E, 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, attached to the 30th BSTB.

Soldiers competed in horseshoes games and ping

pong tournaments as the food cooked.

“For mandatory fun, it was pretty fun,” joked Staff Sgt. Dawn Jones, a human resources specialist from Durham, N.C.

As nearly 100 Soldiers ate and chatted, disc jockey Sgt. Timothy Davis, of Salemburg, N.C., kept the party going. After the meal, he played a mix of pop and dance music from AC/DC to Frankie Beverly to Lynyrd Skynyrd.

“You have to watch the (dancers) and see what they like.”

The highlight of the event was the raffle of the day’s rank. Soldiers who bought tickets got a chance to be honorary leaders for a day.

The money raised is set to go toward an end of tour memorial coin.

“It is fun, exciting. The raffle shows that specialist or private what it feels like to be a captain or first sergeant,” said Spc. Addla Gomez, of Durham, N.C. “We can get an idea how

their day goes.”

One winner took no time issuing her first order as first sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th BSTB.

“I am dropping all of ya’ll. Formation at 00:01 hours,”

said Spc. Schjuana Suggs, of Knightdale, N.C., referring to making everyone do pushups together just after midnight.

“It’s like a reunion,” said Jones.

“I’m kinda glad they made me come.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan

Sgt. 1st Class John Best, platoon sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, grills burgers and chicken for Soldiers at a battalion morale event, here, at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Oct. 3.

Micro-grant assists Iraqi renovations

By Spc. Ruth McClary
30th HBCT PAO

BAGHDAD — A businessman from Risalah, in southern Baghdad’s Rashid district, renovated his grocery store after receiving a U.S. military sponsored micro-grant.

Mohammed Majed Hassin Sameen purchased shelves, an awning, a freezer, refrigerator, painting supplies and food to stock his shelves from a June micro-grant provided by Soldiers from Company D, 230th Brigade Support Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

“Before the renovations, the store was absolute gar-

bage; the food on the shelves was out-of-date and the supplies were limited,” said 1st Lt. John Burt. “Now it looks like a regular little store.”

“From this micro-grant, he was able to stimulate the economy with his purchases and now runs a successful business that is an asset to the community,” said Burt, of Fuquay-Varina, N.C.

During a joint mission, Oct. 1, Burt, along with partnered Iraqi Federal Police headquartered across the street from Sameen’s store, dropped by to congratulate him on upgrades made with micro-grant funds.

“I was surprised when

I walked up to see all the changes he made,” said Burt. “We had driven by a few times and saw the new paint on the outside, but when we walked up, there was lighting and air conditioning inside and fresh supplies for the community.”

“He did exactly what he said he would do with the money.”

U.S. troops asked Sameen if he could remove plastic toy handguns stocked at the store as part of a turn-in weapon campaign.

The toys are difficult to distinguish at first glance from real weapons on the street. Sameen understood and said he would get rid of

them.

“The Federal police are trying to get the public to turn in weapons and we are trying to discourage kids from playing with toy guns,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Lytton.

“Looks like Sameen spent the money well, completely stocking his shelves with items that people within the block can definitely use,” said Lytton, of Goldston, N.C.

“This is an example of how a micro-grant can greatly impact the community by providing assistance to a local business and gaining rapport for the Federal police and U.S. forces working in Risalah,” said Burt.

On This Day In History

October 7, 2001

U.S.-led attack on Afghanistan begins

On this day in 2001, a U.S.-led coalition begins attacks on Taliban-controlled Afghanistan with an intense bombing campaign by American and British forces. Logistical support was provided by other nations including France, Germany, Australia and Canada and, later, troops were provided by the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance rebels. The invasion of Afghanistan was the opening salvo in the United States' "war on terrorism" and a response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

Dubbed "Operation Enduring Freedom" in U.S. military parlance, the invasion of Afghanistan was intended to target terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization, which was based in the country, as well as the extreme fundamentalist Taliban government that had ruled most of the country since 1996 and supported and protected al-Qaida. During their rule, large numbers of Afghans lived in utter poverty, and as many as 4 million Afghans are thought to have suffered from starvation.

In the weeks prior to the invasion, both the United States and the U.N. Security Council had demanded that the Taliban turn over Osama bin Laden for prosecution. After deeming the Taliban's counteroffers unsatisfactory—among them to try bin Laden in an Islamic court—the invasion began with an aerial bombardment of Taliban and al-Qaida installations in Kabul, Kandahar, Jalalabad, Konduz and Mazar-e-Sharif. Other coalition planes flew in airdrops of humanitarian supplies for Afghan civilians. After the air campaign softened Taliban defenses, the coalition began a ground invasion, with Northern Alliance forces providing most of the troops and the U.S. and other nations giving air and ground support. Hundreds of American and coalition soldiers and thousands of Afghans have been killed and wounded in the fighting.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Pfc. Jared Gehmann, 3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD — Staff Sgt. John Egnor checks his surroundings during a soccer field assessment mission, Oct. 5, in the town of Jasar Diyala, Iraq located on the outskirts of eastern Baghdad. Paratroopers conducted the assessment in preparation for an upcoming soccer tournament in the area.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris
does not sleep.
He waits.

Embrace the Fierce Urgency of Now



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now!
September 17 - October 15

MND-B Hispanic Heritage Month
Date: 9 Oct 09
Location: MWR Field House
Time: 1900 hrs

Quote For Today

“Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.”

— George Washington Carver —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
96° F | 69° F



Tomorrow
98° F | 69° F



Friday
98° F | 68° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

In 2005, who played for the Atlanta Braves in 70 games after having been called up from the minor leagues?

Last Issue's Answer: Virginia/Ohio

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

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers of the 225th Engineer Brigade train soldiers new to Iraq how to react to improvised explosive devices. SGT Stephanie Logue, MND-B PAO.

This will be the Soldiers last chance to train before they began clearing IED's on the street. For many Soldiers this is their first deployment.

2. A meeting between U.S. and

Iraqi commanders and prominent community members in the Abu Ghraib area of western Baghdad.

It was discussed security gains. Also how things are safer and more stable largely due to patrols.

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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

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

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