

# U.S. troops help stock Radwaniyah clinic

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BAGHDAD — The citizens of Radwaniyah have something special to be happy about.

A new clinic in the Radwaniyah Community Center, here, south of Baghdad, received a truck load of medical supplies, Oct. 8, from Soldiers in Company D, 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

The empty clinic was void of doctors, furniture and medical supplies, as Soldiers and local members of the Son's of Iraq unloaded a cargo truck.

“Right now it’s just a big empty building,” said Fuquay-Varina, N.C. native, 1st Lt. John Burt. “[The Iraqis] were going to have a hard time getting it filled.”

The Iraqi fiscal year starts in January, and money from the government of Iraq won’t be available for the clinic until after that date.

“The clinic will have a hard time getting money till January 1st,” said Pittsboro, N.C. native, Capt. Robert Steele, the company commander. “We’re trying to bridge that gap.”

For Cpl. Marc Strickland, a

medic with Co. D, it only made sense to give the medical supplies to the clinic.

“They didn’t have any supplies and these are things we either don’t need, or they are better suited for a clinic.”

Expendable medical items are not brought back to the states once they have been shipped to Iraq, even if they remain unused. These extra items were the ones the Soldiers brought to the clinic.

“We can’t take the supplies with us,” said Strickland, “and the people at the community center need it worse than we

do.”

One Soldier said the clinic will support many people in the rural farming community of Radwaniyah, giving them the convenience of a local clinic, and making it easier for them to get the care they need.

“Everybody needs it,” said Durham N.C. native, Travis Steiner. “There are not many places for people here to get medical care.”

Sheik Ayad, the contractor for building the center, also saw the impact that the clinic could have on the community.

“[Ayad] saw it wasn’t going to be big enough,” said Steiner. “So, he put a lot of his own money into the medical clinic to get it to where it needs to be so it would actually help the people. He saw the need of the people and he did what he needed to do to meet that need.”

Ayad had the clinic building built larger than what was originally planned on, making it better suited for the amount of people in the area. He said the locals were happy with the delivery from the U.S. troops.

“You can see the people, their faces looking happy because you bring the medical supplies today,” he said.

Dr. Nazik, one of the Iraqi doctors working with Ayad to build the clinic, said opening the clinic will change the lives of the people in Radwaniyah.

“This location serves many poor families. They have the right to health care, and because this is countryside, they didn’t have these kind of services.”



Photo by Sgt. Mary Phillips

Spc. Lee Ipock, with Company D, 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, carries boxes of medical supplies into the clinic at the Radwaniyah Community Center, south of Baghdad, Oct. 8.

# Bridging the gap north of Baghdad

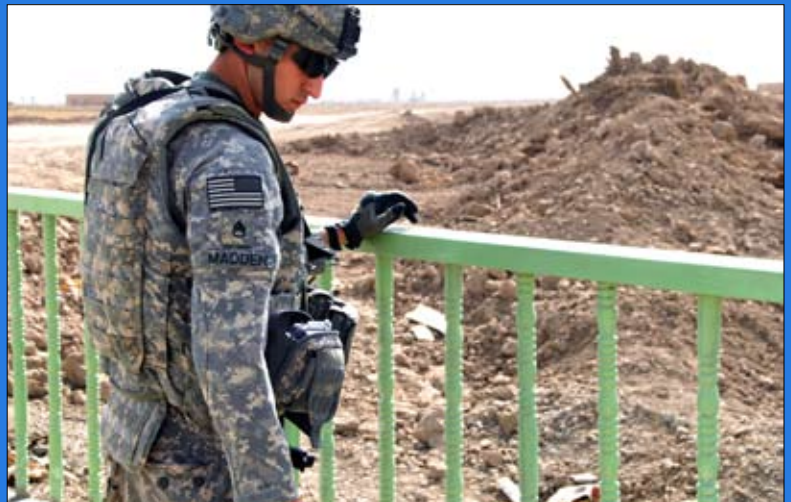
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TAJI, Iraq — Ozark, Ala. native, Lt. Col. Eric Schwegler (left), commander of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, walks past as a contractor prepares to paint the sidewalks of the Odessa Bridge, Oct. 9.



Ozark, Ala. native, Lt. Col. Eric Schwegler (left), commander of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, listens as the project's site manager explains the work that he and his contractors have done to the project, Oct. 9.



Cambridge, Mass. native, Staff Sgt. Carlos Madden, a civil affairs team leader attached to the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, inspects the progress of a guardrail on the Odessa Bridge, Oct. 9.



Staff Sgt. Carlos Madden (left), speaks with Whitewater, Wis. native, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Lien, the battalion civil capacity and essential services officer, during an assessment of the Sheik Abdullah Bridge, Oct. 9.

# ACB soccer teams prepare for tournament

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — The ball flies through the air as two players from opposing sides jump to head it, both falling hard onto the dirt surface in a crumbled heap

When the ball reaches the ground it falls conveniently for another player to score, but before he can shoot he is hacked down unmercifully by a defender from the opposition.

A penalty is awarded. Tempers flare. Someone is elbowed in the jaw.

And this is just a scrimmage.

The game was practice for the troops with 615th Aviation Support Battalion and 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, both of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, as they prepared for the Camp Taji soccer tournament, but for both sides, the game represents the pas-

sion of the world's most popular game.

"I've been playing since I was seven years old and played at the youth level, high school level and club level before I came on active duty," said Maj. Marcus Gengler, from Ontario, Calif., commander, Company B, 615th ASB. "Since then I've always enjoyed watching and playing the game as often as I can."

Playing in Iraq is a unique experience, especially on the dirt surfaces.

"The only time I've played on a dirt field is here in Iraq," Gengler said. "The style of play changes because of it and most of our American players aren't familiar with the way some of our international teams play here at Camp Taji."

Gengler said he enjoys being part of the 615th team and feels the "Bladeslingers" represent themselves well every

time they step on the field.

"We showed ourselves very well during the first tournament earlier this year and we were the only American team left standing," Gengler said. "I know that we'll put another good team out for this upcoming tournament."

Like Gengler for the 615th, Michael Benjamin, coach for the 4-227th, said he too has a lifelong devotion to soccer, having grown up playing in leagues in his native Iraq and the U.S.

"All my life I have played soccer, even when I was 18 years old and still in Iraq," Benjamin said, having spent the last 40 years in the U.S. "Soccer is very popular in Iraq and you have to be in top shape. I played in one of the major leagues here, but unfortunately I had to leave the country."

Benjamin went on to coach teams in the U.S. for many



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB

Showing his aerial ability, Spc. Cory Silva (center), from Pawtucket, R.I., 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, beats others to the ball during a scrimmage game, Oct. 10

years and said he wanted to expand his circle further by coaching a team of Soldiers in Iraq.

"I did a good job coaching back home so I wanted our Soldiers here to have a team, get together and have a good time," Benjamin said. "Soldiers here are under pressure and I want them to have some relief so I volunteered to do this."

Benjamin said he was pleased with the progress of his team, who beat the 615th ASB narrowly, 5-4, in the scrimmage.

"The team looks very good and we have some excellent players, it's just a matter of playing as team," Benjamin said. "This was our first scrimmage game and I have a feeling we will do well in the tournament."

"I don't want to see any injuries, but I think we will be ranked near the top."



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB,

Players from 4th Battalion and the 615th Aviation Support Battalion, both of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, attempt to win the ball during a scrimmage game, Oct. 10, as they prepared for an upcoming tournament, Camp Taji, Iraq.

## On This Day In History

October 12, 1492

### Columbus reaches the New World

On August 3, 1492, Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three small ships, the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Nina. On October 12, the expedition reached land, probably Watling Island in the Bahamas. Later that month, Columbus sighted Cuba, which he thought was mainland China, and in December the expedition landed on Hispaniola, which Columbus thought might be Japan. He established a small colony there with 39 of his men. The explorer returned to Spain with gold, spices, and "Indian" captives in March 1493 and was received with the highest honors by the Spanish court. He was the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland in the 10th century.

During his lifetime, Columbus led a total of four expeditions to the New World, discovering various Caribbean islands, the Gulf of Mexico, and the South and Central American mainlands, but he never accomplished his original goal--a western ocean route to the great cities of Asia. Columbus died in Spain in 1506 without realizing the great scope of what he did achieve: He had discovered for Europe the New World, whose riches over the next century would help make Spain the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth.

Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy, in 1451. Little is known of his early life, but he worked as a seaman and then a maritime entrepreneur. He became obsessed with the possibility of pioneering a western sea route to Cathay (China), India, and the gold and spice islands of Asia. At the time, Europeans knew no direct sea route to southern Asia, and the route via Egypt and the Red Sea was closed to Europeans by the Ottoman Empire, as were many land routes. Contrary to popular legend, educated Europeans of Columbus' day did believe that the world was round, as argued by St. Isidore in the seventh century.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Crop circles are Chuck Norris' way of telling the world that sometimes corn needs to lie down.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Pfc. Adam Halleck, 1st BCT PAO, 1st CD

CAMP TAJI, Iraq- Smoke and dust rise as an M109A6 155mm howitzer assigned to 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, fires during a visit from Brig. Gen. John Murray, the deputy commanding general for maneuver, 1st Cavalry Division, and Gen. Ayad, the Rusafa area command chief of staff, to Firebase Mayhem, here, Oct. 8.



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## Quote For Today

“You will make all kinds of mistakes; but as long as you are generous and true, and also fierce, you cannot hurt the world or even seriously distress her.”

— Winston Churchill —

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
96° F | 69° F



**Tomorrow**  
87° F | 62° F



**Wednesday**  
91° F | 66° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

Who was the only U.S. president to be impeached?

Last Issue's Answer: HUDSON / EAST / HARLEM

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

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers of the 1472 Civil Affairs Company bring food and goodwill to Iraqi families to help celebrate the end of Ramadan. SGT Stephanie Logue, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, PAO.

Food was given to some of the families in rural Baghdad to celebrate the end of fasting.

2. Soldiers of C Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Recon-

naissance Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and the Iraqi Federal Police deliver much needed water filters to families in the village of al-Tameem.

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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

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