

## Maverick Soldiers take medic training class

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BAGHDAD — Every Soldier is an infantryman, no matter their military occupational specialty. In the event of a casualty, every Soldier must also be a medic.

Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers gained more knowledge about taking care of injured Soldiers during an ambulance evacuation class at the DSTB aid station on Camp Liberty, here, Oct. 9.

The class focused on im-

proving their skills in helping fellow Soldiers survive on the battlefield. Specifically, the class covered the teamwork required to move injured Soldiers by litter to an ambulance.

Training instructor Spc. Armando Reyes, of San Antonio, Texas, said the class helps Soldiers learn how to assist medics and set up triage for casualties, or prepare Soldiers for evacuation in the absence of a medic.

“In case an [improvised explosive device] attack should occur, Soldiers who are trained

in this class can help the medic load the patient in the next vehicle,” said Reyes. “We train them so that just in case something goes wrong with us, they know what to do.”

While one Soldier played the part of the casualty, four other Soldiers rehearsed the coordinated action of picking up a litter and carefully placing the litter inside an ambulance. It requires the teamwork of all four Soldiers to carry a litter. The training seemed well received by the Soldiers.

“One of the things I learned

that they didn’t teach us before was using the straps,” said Spc. Christopher Myers, of Lowell, Ark. “We never learned how to put them in an ambulance either.”

Myers was one of several psychological operations specialists assigned to the 362nd Tactical Psychological Operations Company, DSTB, 1st Cav. Div., who took part in the training.

“It’s a good class for each of us to know because you never know what can happen. This is a combat zone,” said Pfc. Kamella Givans, a supply specialist assigned to Company A, DSTB, 1st Cav. Div. “This is my second time in this class and it’s never too much.”

Although every deployed Soldier is required to take the combat lifesaver course, extra training is always helpful, according to Reyes. The very real threat of an indirect fire attack means that Soldiers may have to carry casualties to the casualty collection points for ambulance evacuation.

“You’ve got to make sure that you put them in the right place so that they get to the quickest location or get the right treatment at the quickest time,” said Reyes. “It allows the Soldier to react quicker and if he knows how to do the job, he can help out the medic.”

The journey of learning that is a Soldier’s life never ends, and the ambulance evacuation class is just one part of helping ensure that every Soldier knows how to be a medic save the life of a fellow Soldier.



Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles

Spc. Christopher Myers (left), of Lowell, Ark., and Spc. Christopher Alexander, of Alma, Ark., load a litter onto an ambulance outside the Division Special Troops Battalion aid station, here, Oct. 9. Both Soldiers, who are assigned to the 362nd Tactical Psychological Operations Company, DSTB, 1st Cavalry Division, took part in ambulance evacuation training.

# Making friends while ensuring security

Photos by Pfc. Jared Gehmann,  
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BAGHDAD – Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Richard (left), of Lafayette, La., and Sgt. 1st Class David Pratt, of Somersworth, N.H., discuss security concerns while looking out over a vast, desolate area surrounding a soccer game, Oct. 9, in the town of Village 10, located in the Ma'dain region.



Spc. Nathan Tilley, of Las Vegas, stares out over the horizon looking for any signs of suspicious activity while providing security for a soccer game, Oct. 9, in the town of Narwan, Iraq. Paratroopers and Iraqi forces provided an outer perimeter during the game in order to ensure the safety of both players and spectators.



A group of Iraqi boys talk to Paratroopers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, near a soccer field, Oct. 9, in the town of Narwan, Iraq, located in the Ma'dain region. Paratroopers and Iraqi Security Forces were on hand to provide security during a soccer game where hundreds of residents came out to be spectators.

# Mada'in Aacademy prepares IA Soldiers

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BAGHDAD — Warrant Officer Haider Maan Abdul Sada has been in the Iraqi Army for 14 years.

Since 2003, he has worked closely with U.S. forces and understands all too well what is at stake for his country's future.

"We live in a very tough situation, so I have to be involved to help my people," said Haider, with the 45th IA Brigade, 11th IA Division.

When Haider's military tactical and technical knowledge reached a plateau, he sought out the Mada'in Training Academy at Combat Outpost Carver, here, in southeastern Baghdad.

"Whenever we reach a certain level of military knowledge, we need to find more," explained Haider. "So we come to American academies like this."

Throughout Baghdad, U.S. Soldiers have set up courses to impart their combat skills to Iraqi Soldiers in academies like this one.

On Oct. 8, Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, graduated another class, bringing the total number of IA Soldiers successfully trained to 288.

The 5-day course focuses on company-level leadership skills for lieutenants and below, with instruction ranging from counterinsurgency operations to identifying improvised explosive devices to reflexive fire to checkpoint operations to first-aid lanes.

"Everybody in the IA is supposed to be a Soldier and everybody should know these techniques," said Haider. "This is my motivation for going to this class. I am a Soldier and this is



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell

An Iraqi Army Soldier from the 45th IA Brigade, 11th IA Division, searches Spc. Arnold Graham, an infantryman from Eddington, Maine, during a practical exercise on proper searching techniques at Mada'in Training Academy at Combat Outpost Carver, here, Oct. 8.

my duty."

Like Haider, Sgt. Daniel Montijo, an instructor at the academy, has a military family tradition too. Both of his grandfathers fought in World War II; instilling a strong sense of duty in him.

"I've always wanted to take care of Soldiers," said Montijo, a combat medic from Ramona, Calif. "They are Soldiers just like us. The IA are allies and if I can help them secure a better future for Iraq, then it will help keep us out of here."

According to Montijo, positive feedback from the graduates reinforces the fact that, given the chance, the students want to become better Soldiers.

"I think that they don't have the opportunities available to further their military knowledge like we do in the States," explained Montijo. "So if we can impart our knowledge and technical strengths, then we

can help them as an army and a country."

The Paratroopers understand that providing the know-how to secure a community can be just as valuable as walking those streets themselves.

"By teaching the students principles of patrolling, how to set up over watch positions, checkpoint procedures and all the other techniques taught in this academy, the IA can provide aid to the surrounding community," said Montijo.

To help each other out, once the students graduate, they usually pass on what they've learned to their fellow Soldiers.

"It seems like every class that comes through are better able to answer the medical questions," Montijo explained. "It's a testament that they're going back and spreading their knowledge learned here."

The instructors noticed a change in the students when

they combined their newly-acquired skills for the final medical lanes exercise.

"Certain individuals may have had a problem with the PowerPoint and the lectures, but when they accomplish the lanes portion, they do have a sense of pride and they feel better knowing that they can accomplish these tasks," said Montijo.

With smiles on their faces, all the students received diplomas and the coveted 82nd Airborne patch. Most of the students will return to their checkpoints, except two.

Instructors hand-picked Haider and another student for permanent assignment to the academy; the first students to do so.

They will undergo a two-week training regimen before they become primary instructors teaching alongside U.S. Paratroopers.

# On This Day In History

October 13, 1792

## White House cornerstone laid

The cornerstone is laid for a presidential residence in the newly designated capital city of Washington. In 1800, President John Adams became the first president to reside in the executive mansion, which soon became known as the “White House” because its white-gray Virginia freestone contrasted strikingly with the red brick of nearby buildings.

The city of Washington was created to replace Philadelphia as the nation’s capital because of its geographical position in the center of the existing new republic. The states of Maryland and Virginia ceded land around the Potomac River to form the District of Columbia, and work began on Washington in 1791. French architect Charles L’Enfant designed the area’s radical layout, full of dozens of circles, crisscross avenues, and plentiful parks. In 1792, work began on the neoclassical White House building at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue under the guidance of Irish American architect James Hoban, whose design was influenced by Leinster House in Dublin and by a building sketch in James Gibbs’ Book of Architecture. President George Washington chose the site.

On November 1, President John Adams was welcomed into the executive mansion. His wife, Abigail, wrote about their new home: “I pray heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house, and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise men ever rule under this roof!”

In 1814, during the War of 1812, the White House was set on fire along with the U.S. Capitol by British soldiers in retaliation for the burning of government buildings in Canada by U.S. troops. The burned-out building was subsequently rebuilt and enlarged under the direction of James Hoban, who added east and west terraces to the main building, along with a semicircular south portico and a colonnaded north portico.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris doesn’t bowl strikes, he just knocks down one pin and the other nine faint.

# MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell

BAGHDAD – First Lt. John Cross (left), a platoon leader from Manhattan, Kan., along with other paratroopers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and Iraqi Army Soldiers assigned to the 45th IA Brigade, 11th IA Division, practice movement techniques and pulling security upon exiting a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at Combat Outpost Carver, here, Oct. 9



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“Gnius..is the capacity to see ten things where the ordinary man sees one.”

— Ezra Pound —

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
96° F | 69° F



**Tomorrow**  
87° F | 62° F



**Thursday**  
91° F | 66° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

During World War I she was a spy who worked for both the French and the Germans. In 1917 she was executed by the French. Today her name refers to a seductive double-dealing woman. Who is she?

Last Issue's Answer: Andrew Jackson

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

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers of the Division Special Troops Bn., at Camp Liberty, give special emphasis to emergency medical training. SGT Erik Fardette, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, PAO.

During the past year DSTB medics have trained over 400 Soldiers, the training is extremely important because it prepares Soldiers for any situation.

2. Five suspects that tested positive for explosive residue captured and detained for questioning after a patrol was attacked with RKG-3 anti-armor grenades in southern Baghdad.

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## Trigger's Teasers

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

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

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



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