

Officials welcome new Army secretary

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WASHINGTON, — The new Army secretary received an official welcome from Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and the Army’s top uniformed officer today at a ceremony held in Conmy Hall at Fort Myer, Va.

Gates hailed former New York Congressman John M. McHugh, who became the 21st secretary of the Army on Sept. 21, as a staunch supporter for the military during his 16 years in Congress.

“In the Congress, Representative McHugh was a strong advocate for Fort Drum, for the Army, and for the needs of all those who serve,” Gates said. Fort Drum, home of the Army’s 10th Mountain Division, is located in Waterville, N.Y., which is McHugh’s hometown. Fort Drum also is part of McHugh’s former congressional district.

Gates thanked McHugh, who had served as the ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, for his support of important acquisition reform legislation that was passed earlier this year.

McHugh’s late father was an Army Air Corps B-17 bomber crewman during World War II and his mother was an Army nurse.

“Now he takes charge of the entire Army family,” Gates said of McHugh’s new role as the Army’s top civilian.

Today is a crucial time for the Army, Gates said. As U.S. operations and force levels wind down in Iraq, he said, the campaign in Afghanistan is entering a new phase. And, difficult budget deci-

sions lie ahead, he added.

McHugh also will manage the replenishment, replacement and modernization of the Army’s battered, lost or obsolete equipment, Gates said, as he works to ensure the Army is equipped and prepared to fight today’s and tomorrow’s battles.

The new Army secretary also will focus on improving the quality of life for U.S. soldiers, their families and wounded warriors, Gates said.

The Defense Department is enhancing and institutionalizing its support for its warfighters, Gates said, to “see that their needs and those of their families have a bureaucratic home and sustained long-term funding.” As part of this effort, he said, the military is seeking improved care for servicemembers with post-traumatic stress disorder and other combat-related psychological ailments.

These are steps in the right direction, but there’s much more to do, Gates said, noting he’s confident McHugh will provide effective, tireless leadership as the Army’s most-senior official.

McHugh’s extensive experience in public service and his dedication to the U.S. military will serve him well as Army secretary, Gates said.

“I’m glad you’ve joined the team, John; my thanks to you and to the men and women of the United States Army who protect our country every day,” Gates said.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the Army’s chief of staff, saluted McHugh’s appointment, noting that although the Army has grown



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and is starting to re-balance its forces to provide more “down time” for soldiers after deployments, there’s much more work to be done.

“We are better positioned now than we were two years ago to accept some increased demand, but we are not out of the woods yet,” Casey said.

Casey expressed confidence that resolute leadership will win the war against global extremism as the Army sustains itself while preparing to meet challenges in the decades ahead.

“John McHugh is the right leader to do this,” Casey said. “He

understands that the focus has to be on supporting the soldiers on the front lines and improving support and services for our Army families back home.”

McHugh thanked President Barack Obama and Gates for their trust and he pledged to do his best to maintain the force while supporting soldiers and families.

“Our future readiness will require that we continue to modernize, adapt our institutions, and transform soldier and leader development, while at the same time sustaining an expeditionary and campaign-capable force,” McHugh said.

New Texas traffic and criminal laws

The following are notable traffic and criminal laws that went into effect on Sept. 1 in the state of Texas which was released by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Seatbelts:

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is taller than 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.

Driving:

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100.

Driver license:

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15.

HB 2730 and HB 339 restrict all drivers under the age of 18 from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions

Crime:

HB 558 allows minors to be charged with public intoxication.

HB 1282 makes it a Class B misdemeanor to steal a driver license, commercial driver license or personal identification.

Motorcycles etc.:

Senate Bill 1967 requires that applicants for an original class M license or class A, B or C driver license (including commercial driver licenses and permits) with authorization to operate a motorcycle, provide evidence of completion of an approved motorcycle operator training course.

State officials show appreciation

By Pfc. Jared Gehmann
3rd BCT PAO, 82nd Abn. Div.,

BAGHDAD — State flags from more than 30 U.S. states were officially presented to Multi-National Division – Baghdad Paratroopers during a ceremony, here, Oct 20.

Leaders assigned to Company C, 82nd Brigade Support Battalion 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, handed out a total of 31 flags to troops.

However, these colors are not the typical flags found at a local convenience store, but rather a personalized donation sent by each state's government officials as a gesture of appreciation for the service U.S. Soldiers.

The program began when the

mother of Spc. Brian Shimer, of Shelton, Conn., decided she wanted to do something to support her son and his fellow Paratroopers deployed to Iraq. With the help of the Family Readiness Group, she contacted state officials from across the U.S. to see if they could donate flags in honor of the men and women in Company C.

"I was all about it, not thinking it would actually come to fruition, the next thing I knew we received several boxes from governors and state representatives," said Capt. Kenneth Lutz, of Fayetteville, N.C., the unit's commander.

Although most of the flags were delivered over a month ago, the Paratroopers were only recently given the flags as a per-

sonal keepsake. Despite the kind donation, there were not enough flags for every member of the company.

"We had to raffle the flags off to the Soldiers from each state because there were not enough for everyone to get one," said Lutz.

The Soldiers who did receive a flag representing their state seemed overjoyed after officially receiving it during the ceremony.

"I have been a Virginia resident for most of my life, and to bear her colors on the battlefield is an honor," said Pfc. John Lamme, of Stafford, Va., a medic assigned to Company C.

Along with the flags, the governors and state representatives sent the troopers signed certificates of

appreciation thanking them for their service and sacrifice for the nation.

"We want the Soldiers to be proud of where they're from and who they are," said Lutz. "Where we come from is just another addition to a person's individuality."

To show their gratitude, members of Co. C sent certificates of appreciation and made phone calls to thank each state's official for the flags.

Lutz said he is thankful not only to the governors and state representatives who sent the flag but especially to the members of the FRG who put their time and effort into showing support for their loved ones serving in harm's way.

The "Pegasus Pursuit" is here

Please reserve _____ number of prints. I understand that print(s) are \$10 each and that payment is due NLT 12 DEC 2009 in the form of a check or money order made out to "1CD Events Fund"; or in cash paid to my unit representative. The following information is provided to ensure I receive my print(s):

Rank: _____
Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Brigade: _____ Bn: _____
Co: _____

If you will not be able to pick your print up when they are completed at Fort Hood, TX, please provide a U.S. mailing address that your print can be mailed to. Please ensure that the address you provide is valid thru March 12, 2010, in the event the print takes longer than anticipated to complete. Use a friend, relative or unit address if necessary.

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This address is (check one):

My address A Friend's Address Relative's Address

If other than your personal address, list the name of the person who resides at the address indicated: _____

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Payment Type (check one): Check Money Order Cash

Signature: _____

Date: _____

MND-B's OIF 09-10 print, "Pegasus Pursuit" is being completed by Mr. Ronald Constantine, a retired art teacher and friend of the First Cavalry Division. He has volunteered to draw Pegasus Pursuit as a token of his appreciation for your service to our country.

Inside this trifold is an artist concept sketch. This sketch, drawn by PFC Juan Franco, was provided to Mr. Constantine and reflects a fairly accurate rendition of the content of the final print. The print attempts to capture a single scene that might feel real to you. A combined U.S. and ISF patrol on the outskirts of Baghdad reacting to a single shot directed at them. You'll note a few familiar Baghdad skyline points of reference, familiar vehicles, Soldiers you may recognize as yourself. The unit patches of the those BCTs and other assigned, attached, or OPCON units that comprised the MND-B team are found across the bottom of the print. The final print will be approximately 16" X 22".

All proceeds will be donated to the First Team Memorial fund to help pay for the cost of adding the names of our MND-B and 1st Cavalry Division Fallen to the Memorial that sits on the west end of Cooper Field in front of the 1st Cavalry Division HQs at Fort Hood. Payments may be made by cash or check or money order made out to "1CD Events Fund".

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these prints, please reserve it/them by filling out the form and turn it and your payment in to your unit representative by 12 DEC 09. They will see to it that the payments are delivered to the Division Representative.

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Multi-National Division-Baghdad OIF 09-10 Print



"Pegasus Pursuit"

On This Day In History

November 4, 1979

Iranians storm U.S. embassy

Student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini send shock waves across America when they storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages. The students were enraged that the deposed Shah had been allowed to enter the United States for medical treatment and they threatened to murder hostages if any rescue was attempted. Days later, Iran's provincial leader resigned, and the Ayatollah Khomeini, the leader of Iran's fundamentalist revolutionaries, took full control of the country--and the fate of the hostages.

Two weeks after the storming of the embassy, the Ayatollah began to release all non-U.S. captives, and all female and minority Americans, citing these groups as among the people oppressed by the United States government. The remaining 52 captives were left at the mercy of the Ayatollah for the next 14 months.

President Jimmy Carter was unable to diplomatically resolve the crisis, and on April 24, 1980, he ordered a disastrous rescue mission in which eight U.S. military personnel were killed and no hostages rescued. Three months later, the former shah died of cancer in Egypt, but the crisis continued. In November 1980, Carter lost the presidential election to Republican Ronald Reagan. Soon after, with the assistance of Algerian intermediaries, successful negotiations finally began between the United States and Iran.

On January 20, 1981--the day of Reagan's inauguration--the United States freed almost \$3 billion in frozen Iranian assets and promised \$5 billion more in financial aid. Minutes after Reagan was sworn in, the hostages flew out of Iran on an Algerian airliner, ending their 444-day ordeal. The next day, Jimmy Carter flew to West Germany to greet them on their way home.

MND-B Pic of the day!



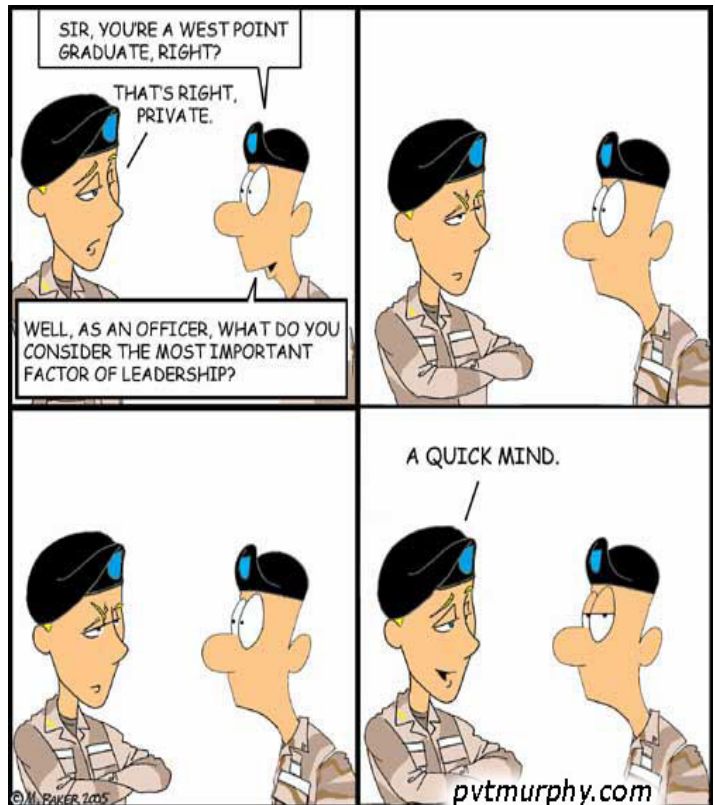
BAGHDAD – Spc. Eric Marquez, an infantryman from El Paso, Texas, digs at a suspected caches site during a combined caches sweep in northwestern Baghdad, Nov. 1. Marquez and other Soldiers assigned to Company A, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, uncovered a mortar tube, tripod and base plate in a field that day.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris can divide by zero.



Quote For Today

“If you want to get somewhere you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then never, never, never give up.”

— Norman Vincent Peale —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
71° F | 59° F



Tomorrow
76° F | 60° F



Friday
78° F | 61° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

Who was major league baseball's first African-American manager?

Last Issue's Answer: The Pittsburgh Steelers & the Dallas Cowboys met up in Super Bowls X, XIII, & XXX. The Steelers won Super Bowl X (21-17), Super XIII (35-31), and Dallas won Super XXX (27-17).

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 # 190 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. The Soldiers of the 225th Engineer Brigade are getting ready to redeploy. Interview with Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Major on the end of the engineer mission for the Louisiana-based unit.

The biggest difference wasn't a new road or bridge. Out of all the things they've done here the best was training the Iraqi Army, watch-

ing the Soldiers develop.

2. Soldiers of the 30th HBCT are playing a supportive role to the 25th Iraqi Army Brigade. A joint clearance patrol with the Iraqi's in the lead shows progress.

NIPR LINK: Cav Round-Up

SIPR LINK: Cav Round-Up

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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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