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Photos by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown
Capt. Darin E. Huss, commander of the 189th Transportation Company, a Nebraska National Guard unit, stands by some of his vehicles in the afternoon sun Sept. 19.

CornhuskerMITT team takes on special mission

by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown

Anaconda Times Staff Writer

LSA ADDER, Iraq— Members of the 189th Transportation Company expected to carry out their normal convoy mission during their deployment. Instead, they found themselves training Iraqi soldiers.

Twenty-nine of the unit's Soldiers were selected for a special assignment after they arrived in country, said Capt. Darin E. Huss, the Nebraska National Guard unit's commander.

The unit's normal mission, to transport supplies and provide maintenance for their company's vehicles, was replaced by creating a Military Integrated Transitional Training (MITT) team.

Huss said he put together the team to teach, mentor, and live with more than 800 Iraqi counterparts at the Iraqi Air Base An Numaniyah, and other coalition bases.

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Soldiers take on different mission

"If we need the cook to be an infantry guy, then he's going to be an infantry guy," said Capt. Alex D. Tran, FSC commander.

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Photo by Spc. KaRonda Fleming

Sgt. John L. Bush, from Brown Mills, N.J., a Soldier with, FSC, 1-167 RSTA, is making repairs to the front bumper of an uparmored Humvee.

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"I will never leave a fallen comrade."

I am Sgt. Nicole M. Watkins, from Columbus, Ohio
958th Trans. Det. >> transportation management coordinator



AT Spotlight: Col. Megan Tatu, commander of the 164th CSG

What is your command philosophy?
To sum it up, living and working the Army Values, Soldier’s Creed and Soldier’s Code. To follow these tenets means your actions will be legally, morally and ethically sound.

Briefly describe your leadership style.
Participative in some respects, in that I rely on staff to be subject matter experts and look to their input before I make final decisions.
For leaders, once my intent is given, I don’t look to tell them how to execute a mission so I also have a delegative approach as well.

Explain your mission here.
We push logistical commodities such as water, fuel, ammunition, repair parts, (and other items), to logistical hubs located on outlying Forward Operating Bases throughout the theater.
Think of us as the main Wal-Mart distribution center where we push goods to outlying stores for customers to come pick up what they need. Additionally, we provide the security escort teams to ensure the logistics convoys arrive safely and provide recovery in a given area of operation, should a vehicle suffer battle damage or mechanical problems.

What do you want to gain from this deployment?
Soldiers returning home safely, forever proud of their service and accomplishments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

How do you define and measure success?
The safe return of our Soldiers, successful accomplishment of the mission to include meeting all the support requirements, safe conduct of combat logistics patrols and recovery missions.

How do you spend your free time in Iraq?
I have yet to find free time, but I do exercise about four times per week. When I find the time, I enjoy writing home to family and friends, reading, and watching an occasional DVD.

What, if any, are your pet peeves?
Those who opt to choose “an easier wrong than the harder right.”

How did you prepare yourself for the deployment?
Focus on training, ensuring a viable Family Readiness Group and Rear Detachment, spending time with my family, and helping my husband understand all of what being “Mr. Mom” would entail.

Why is family important during a deployment?
The support they provide is key. The pride they have in our service means everything. I remind Soldiers that should they be faced with a situational ethics issue to remember their family-there is nothing worth jeopardizing their love, support and pride. Being connected to family provides us balance and a sense of “normalcy”.



Col. Megan Tatu, commander of the 164th CSG, talks to her Soldiers during the 164th CSG transfer of authority ceremony.

What has been one of your most memorable experiences throughout your military career?
No question, this is my most memorable military experience: having assumed the mission here on Logistical Support Area Anaconda and leading dedicated, professional Soldiers in support of OIF.

What motivates you while you are here?
Two things: The Soldiers working the support, security escort and recovery missions—their spirit and professionalism is inspiring. Secondly, my family motivates me. I want them to be proud and so it motivates me to do my best.

What advice can you give to the lowest-ranking Soldiers?
Look out for each other, stay safe, and mission focused.

How does the mission of your unit affect the lives of other servicemembers in Iraq?
The commodities we manage, push and provide security for safe delivery out to various FOBs sustain Soldiers and their ability to fight.

How important is physical fitness to you? Why?
I subscribe to the philosophy that physical fitness is not about passing a test, but a way of life. Being physically fit is simply a healthier way to live.

How should Soldiers spend their free time?
I wouldn’t presuppose to tell anyone how to spend their free time, just as long as it fits into the legal, ethical, and moral

realm.
However, with all the opportunities provided on Logistical Support Area Anaconda, I would hope some might seek to take advantage of educational opportunities through on-line courses, volunteer (hospital, teaching, etc), explore hobbies such as woodworking, set goals-for physical fitness, reading, or other productive pursuits.
However, there are those times when we all need to have some bona fide downtime and be a “couch” (or trailer) potato.

What do you expect out of your noncommissioned officers?
There is no need to reinvent the wheel—live the NCO creed; set the example through actions, not just words; mentor the Soldiers that look to you for guidance.

Why did you join the military?
What first got me into the military was the need for a scholarship through college, which I was fortunate to get. I also looked forward to the travel opportunities when I first explored the idea of the military. Since then, the reasons for staying in have evolved to a much deeper sense of pride in serving and simply being proud of being an American.

Do you have a family/ kids?
My husband Mike and I will have been married 24 years this December and we have three sons that we are very proud of: Glendon, 20; Colin, 17; and Shane, 14 years.

What do you miss most?
Seeing my husband and sons each and every day.

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Strength through diversity

Hispanic Heritage Month honors numerous contributions and culture

story and photo by Sgt. Gary A. Witte

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – The term Hispanic covers a lot of territory.

“It becomes convoluted,” Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge L. Young said. “When you say Hispanic, it doesn’t just mean Mexican. When you say Hispanic, it doesn’t just mean Puerto Rican. When you say Hispanic, it doesn’t just mean Cuban.”

Young, command sergeant major for the 657th Area Support Group out of Honolulu, was born in Cuba and noted that Latin American countries’ cultures may be similar, but they aren’t identical. Even their languages aren’t necessarily the same, he added.

“It is a very large community,” Young said.

The term Hispanic encompasses people in the United States whose heritage comes from a Spanish-speaking country. Hispanic Heritage Month started Sept. 15 and will continue until the middle of October, coinciding with

the Independence Day celebrations of many Latin American countries.

The 4th Corps Material Management Center is scheduled to host a Hispanic heritage Month observance at 11a.m., Oct. 11, at the East Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Center.

Sgt. 1st Class Roderick L. Batiste, an equal opportunity advisor from Port Arthur, Texas, with the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), said a guest speaker, refreshments, and cultural exhibitions are planned for the hour-long event.

“It recognizes the contributions all Hispanics have made to shape America into what we have today,” Batiste said of the month.

Staff Sgt. Luis A. Figueroa, the Automation NCOIC for 657th ASG said many people have the stereotypical view of Hispanics: That they just “take, take, take.”

“In reality, there are a lot of people giving, giving, giving,” he said.

The number of Hispanics in the military has steadily increased during the past 20 years, according to an Equal Opportunity study by the Office of Army Demographics. The study said that in 2003, Hispanics made up 8.8 percent of the total U.S. Army.

Figueroa, whose family came to America from Puerto Rico, was born in New Jersey and now lives in Hawaii. He said the month helps Soldiers improve their awareness about the variety of ethnic groups around them.

“You have all the races and cultures blended together in the military,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Ignacio Juarez, the Operations NCO for the unit, was born in Mexico and came to the United States with his family when he was 4 months old. He now lives in Hawaii and earned his citizenship through the Army in 2004.

“(A cultural awareness month) is a reminder for other people about where they come

from,” he said, noting that his 2-year-old daughter is half Japanese and half Mexican.

Young, who earned his citizenship through the Army in 1985, said when people aren’t reminded of things, they become complacent. He said the month educates others about the sacrifices Hispanics make, alongside everyone else, to maintain a democratic society.

He said serving in the military became his way of thanking America.

“I could have been in the streets of Havana right now if it wasn’t for the doors the United States opened for me,” he said.

Taking time to learn another person’s culture can be helpful in other ways, Young said, adding it can apply to dealing with the Iraqi people.

“It is easier to understand someone’s culture than it is to change someone’s culture,” he said. “It’s easier to understand why people do the things they do.”



Some members of the 657th Area Support Group out of Honolulu discuss the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month. From left, Staff Sgt. Luis A. Figueroa, the Automation NCOIC; Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge L. Young and Staff Sgt. Ignacio Juarez, the Operations NCO. Hispanic Heritage Month is from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

What is your favorite ethnic food and why?



“Mexican food, because it’s spicy.”



“Chinese food, because they’ve got a billion ways to cook chicken.”



“I just like American food- fried chicken and macaroni and cheese because that is what I grew up on.”



“Jamaican food because I’m Jamaican and I love spicy food.”



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Members of the 189th Transportation Company Military Integrated Transitional Training team line up for a photo shortly before heading back to the U.S.

“It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have that kind of interaction with the Iraqi populace, culture, and religion,” he said.

Huss said he wanted to send a whole platoon to keep his Soldiers together. He realized the training mission needed more senior leadership, so he forfeited some of his other non-commissioned officers to join the project.

The Soldiers selected had no special training, he said, but many had been transportation instructors prior to the deployment.

The team spent 10 months training the 8th Iraqi Motor Truck Regiment, which was later used as a model to train other Iraqi Army regiments, said Sgt. 1st Class Michael D. Olson, MITT team NCOIC, and second platoon sergeant.

“Our main goal was to turn operations completely over to the Iraqis,” Olson said.

The team showed the Iraqi soldiers how transportation operations are run in the U.S. Army. Olson said the Iraqis already had their own system of operations, so instead of completely changing the Iraqi methods, they found a middle ground.

“We worked directly with Iraqi leadership, coaching them, and they would instruct their own soldiers,” Olson said.

He said the team focused on teaching the Iraqis to give their NCOs more responsibilities, and in the end, about 75 percent of the team’s recommendations were implemented.

The 8th Iraqi Army MTR was the first regiment to be completely handed back to the Iraqis after going through the MITT process, Olson said. It was also one of the first Iraqi elements to be able to run missions on their own, and enter coalition bases without U.S. escorts.

Other than playing a significant role in training Iraqi troops, the 189th team also helped with everything from setting up living

quarters, to running convoy missions before the supervision was complete, Olson said.

The team worked to find suitable tents, acquired water for washing and drinking, fixed electrical problems, as well as advised the Iraqis daily on how to sustain base maintenance.

Through the experience of living in close quarters with Iraqi soldiers, many MITT team Soldiers acquired friendships with the Iraqis, and saw a side of the war that many don’t.

Soldiers on the MITT team said they probably have a more positive perspective of Iraqis compared to other U.S. troops who don’t get the chance to live and work beside the native troops.

“It was a little leery, not knowing exactly what we were getting into,” Olson said. “You had to trust them, because sometimes there would be five of us, and 500 Iraqi soldiers. But never once did I ever feel unsafe with them,” he said.

The team said they formed close friendships with their counterparts and often shared meals and drank tea with the IA soldiers. Most of the team agreed that the time they spent with the Iraqis was the best part of their deployment.

“It was great to be around another culture,” said Sgt. Bradley Smith, a member of the 189th team.

“To be able to see the difference you are making over here was the best part,” said Staff Sgt. Adam H. Donner, also a member of the team.

Huss said he’s glad his unit had the opportunity to participate in a history-making mission.

“(This is) the foundation for what the Bush administration wanted when we came over here,” Huss said.

Ramadan begins for Muslim Soldiers

by Bob Bellin

Fort Jackson Leader

WASHINGTON – Muslim believers around the world began observing the month of Ramadan on Sept. 24.

Ramadan is named after the ninth month on the Islamic Lunar calendar when the Qu’ran commands Muslims to abstain from food, drink and other physical comforts and pleasures, from dawn to sunset, every day until the end of the month.

“It’s one of the five pillars of faith, fasting in the month of Ramadan,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Abdullah Hulwe, battalion chaplain for Fort Jackson’s 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. “Muslims pray five times a day, perform pilgrimage during the month of Ramadan, fast during Ramadan, give charity – or alms – and declare faith.”

Traditional Ramadan practices, according to Hulwe, include breaking the daily fast with water and dates, reading through the entire Qu’ran, and visiting family and friends.

One of the most important festivals in Islam is the three-day Eid ul-Fitr, or Festival of Bread-Breaking, which begins sundown on the last day of Ramadan, which this year is Oct. 23.

“It’s a month of giving, a month of mercy,” said Hulwe. “It’s a month of learning for Muslims, and for people of other faiths to learn about Islam.”

By fasting, believers experience spiritual renewal and learn self-discipline and generosity, Hulwe said. “It’s part of the Army values, selfless service to others ... you give a little bit of yourself, a little bit of your skill, and you give money (to the poor).”

When believers are hungry and thirsty

during the day, they also learn to empathize with the poor, Hulwe said “You can pity a poor person, but when you actually fast, you feel what they feel.”

Because the purpose of Ramadan is to preserve and encourage life – not to endanger it – the Qu’ran and its interpreters make exceptions to fasting for believers whose health may be harmed by it.

“The scholars have exceptions for women when they are pregnant or breast-feeding,” Hulwe said. Scholars also make exception for pre-pubescent children, the sick, and Muslims who are traveling.

Since all Soldiers have the constitutional right to freely exercise their religions, commanders and other leaders are required to try and accommodate Muslim Soldiers, within certain limits, he said.

“To fast during training is religious accommodation,” Hulwe said, “and the United States Army policy is to accommodate, unless it has adverse impact on the mission or the health of the Soldier.”

The love of life in Islam, Hulwe said, is in stark opposition to terrorist leaders like Osama bin Laden, who speak of a “love of death” in their version of Islam.

Hulwe has a simple explanation for those of any religion, at any time, who espouse such views.

“God almighty has good people,” Hulwe said, “but bad people use God. It is up to people of understanding to know the difference.”

With more than 1 billion Muslims of different races and different nationalities, Hulwe said, Ramadan also emphasizes the unity of God, the unity of religion and the “unity of humanity, that we are all descendants of two people, Adam and Eve.”

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New Iron:

Aircraft swap helps maintain capabilities

by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson

332d Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq -- The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing renewed its "iron" here this month with a complete swap of the wing's entire F-16 Fighting Falcon fleet.

Jet for jet, active-duty F-16s from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, were exchanged for those from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., and Guard F-16s from Alabama and Illinois were replaced by Falcons from South Dakota, Michigan, New York and Washington, D.C.

The aircraft swap was necessary to maintain a "healthy" force and warfighting capability, said Maj. Leah Fry, 332d Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron operations officer. The changeover is part of the Air Expeditionary Force rotation: new people, new jets.

"In a four month rotation here at Balad, our F-16s fly the equivalent of a full years flying at home station" she said.

The deployed environment and operational demands age the jets, which creates difficult maintenance problems for the F-16s. By rotating aircraft the Air Force is able to smooth out the severe usage across the entire F-16 fleet.

The planning process for the swap out began eight weeks ago, when Airmen here began mapping out the details of catching, towing and parking the new jets when they arrived.

This rotation at Balad Air Base was accomplished differently than previous rota-

tions in that this time each aircraft was safely stowed inside a hardened aircraft shelter during all weapons loading operations, said Col. Timothy Fowler, 332nd Maintenance Group commander.

The efforts of 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron made this possible, Fowler said. The civil engineers renovated three shelters with all new electrical power, lighting and paint. These new facilities offer additional space to store and reconfigure aircraft.

"I challenged 1st Lt. Adrienne Stahl to develop a swap-out plan for the F-16s and more than 700 personnel that ensure that all aircraft are protected inside HASs during the swap out," Fowler said. "Her plan was awesome, and she worked it like a champ. At the end of the day, the swap out went like clockwork."

The swap out was a 332nd AEW success and combined team effort, the colonel said.

The operations group continued to fly air tasking order missions without missing a beat. The mission support group renovated the HASs and paved the way for the transition to begin, and the maintenance group completed the munitions swap-out and aircraft generation.

"The Alabama crew helped with the transition, so the exchange went smoothly," said Staff Sgt. Willie Williams. "We're ready to work. We're in it, we've got it, and we're ready to run with it."

Maintainers from the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare an F-16 Fighting Falcon for a reconnaissance pod at Balad Air Base, Iraq, Sept. 20. Maintainers brought newly arrived Guard F-16s online. The jet is one of many Guard jets from South Dakota, Michigan, New York, and Washington, D.C., that were swapped for Guard F-16s from Alabama and Illinois.



Maintainers from the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare a newly arrived Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon from Michigan for weapons loading Sept. 20 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. In a four-month period at Balad, F-16s fly the equivalent of a full year's flying at their home station.



Weapons loaders from the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Balad Air Base, Iraq, wait outside a hardened aircraft shelter for a maintainer's signal to proceed with the weapons load on a newly arrived Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon from Michigan Sept. 20.

4th Corps MMC Soldiers ready for Iraq Mission, Get a Lift From 386th AEW

by Spc. Chris Jones

40th Public Affairs Detachment

SOUTHWEST ASIA - “After Basic Training it’s been nothing but combat training,” said Pvt. Michael Sirrine, who has been in the Army a little more than one year. “So I’m ready.”

Sirrine is on his first deployment but knows plenty about being in the desert. A native of Tuscon, Ariz., Sirrine noticed as soon as he arrived in Kuwait, “it’s just like home, with less cactuses.”

Sirrine’s unit, the 4th Corps Material Management Center, recently deployed from Fort Hood, Texas.

Before boarding an Air Force C-130 aircraft in early September heading to Logistical Support Area Anaconda in Balad, Iraq, the unit spent time at Camp Buehring for some final training. From improvised explosive device training to convoy live fire, the Soldiers honed their combat skills.

Once training is complete, units forward deploy either by ground or air. Part of the USARCENT mission in support of the warfighters is getting them in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan as quickly and safely as possible.

For troops flying into Iraq, the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, stationed in Kuwait, is USARCENT’s primary air link. The missions are never the same, said Maj. Jonathan Watson, a pilot attached to the 386th AEW.

Taking flights instead of ground convoys is a faster and generally safer route to Iraq, and for Staff Sgt. Chris Haney, “It’s a big burden



Members of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, an Air Force unit based in Kuwait, seen on the front deck of a C-130 aircraft above Iraq as they transport Soldiers to Balad, Iraq.

off my chest knowing we’re getting there a lot faster, and my Soldiers are more out of the way of a possible ambush.”

Haney, who is on his third deployment to the Middle East, said, “the important thing is just to get there and get on with your mission.”

“It’s a much safer way to get them over (to Iraq) than them taking a big convoy across,” said Air Force 1st Lt. Varun Puroht, flight navigator. “Bringing them home obviously feels better than taking them over, of course, but it’s good to know that when we take them, at least

they are safer than by ground.”

For flight crews of the 386th AEW, no two missions are exactly the same. Aside

from sending troops to Iraq and bringing them home, the unit drops off cargo around the theater of operations, transports detainees and sometimes evacuates wounded Soldiers from combat, said Watson.

“If you can fit it in the back of the aircraft,” Watson said. “We’ve carried it.”

Watson, a native of Sperryville, Va., has been deployed to the Middle East for 30 of the last 46 months, during eight deployments.

During this time, he has flown to many nations in the Central Command area of operations, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Djibouti, Jordan and Turkey.

“We fly pretty much anywhere, anytime,” he said.

But the primary mission remains: Iraq and back.

“Flying them in feels good,” said Watson, “but it also reminds you to keep on your toes.

“We can and do get shot at as well, and you realize that you have 50 to 70 folks counting on you and your crew to get them there safely, so you keep your eyes peeled for threats.”

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Cleveland Cavalier cheerleader, Bethany Kokoski, 19 years old, from LaGrange, Ohio, performs for more than 400 servicemembers at Sustainer Theatre during a recent performance for the troops on Logistical Support Area Anaconda.

Cooks turn mechanics

FSC Soldiers support squadron with different roles



Spc. Bryan R. Ascher, D Co., Forward Support Company, is a light wheeled mechanic who is replacing the rear shocks and springs of an M1114 Humvee.

by Spc. KaRonda Fleming

Anaconda Times Staff Writer

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Many D Co., Forward Support Company Soldiers joined the military as cooks; however, they found themselves as mechanics, administrative personnel, and in security operations in Iraq.

Capt. Alex D. Tran, FSC company commander, said that his unit is made up of cooks, fuel handlers, and truck drivers. His unit was called up to support the 1-167 Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition Squadron, which supports the 1/34th Brigade Combat Team.

The Soldiers were pulled from eight National Guard units from the state of New Jersey and formed the D Co. FSC, Tran said. The Soldiers in the squadron are from Nebraska.

"The cooks are trained on full spectrum operations," he said. "If we need the cook to be an infantry guy, then he's going to be an infantry guy."

Here at Logistical Support Area Anaconda, these Soldiers can be found at any one of the entry control points, the gravel yard, as convoy security, or in

the motor pool, he said.

"Maintenance operations don't stop," said 1st Sgt. Michael V. Rigby, D Co., FSC first sergeant. "It's ongoing and is open 24 hours each day."

He said that the Soldiers work approximately 10-12 hours each day.

Each day has a new priority, Rigby said. In the mornings, status reports are made for deadlined vehicles or for vehicles hit by possible improvised explosive devices throughout the night.

"We currently support 10 companies," said Sgt. Darryll J. Slimmer, D Co. FSC, from Pennsville, N.J.

"I work on anything from humvees and five-tons to anything in between," he said.

Tran said there are three main platoons within D Co., FSC. This includes headquarters, first, and second platoons.

Within the headquarters platoon are the cooks and fuel handlers that support the battalion. First platoon has truck drivers and fuel handlers that distribute supplies to and from LSA Anaconda. Second platoon is mostly mechanics and maintenance control, he said.



Sgt. Jeffery D. Carriker, a power generation equipment repairman, inspects a fault of a Humvee in which the steering brakes were malfunctioning.



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TF Dragon Slayers donate school supplies to children of Bani Sa'ad village

story by Spc. KaRonda Fleming

BANI SA'AD, Iraq – A team of Soldiers from the 345th Military Intelligence Battalion donated needed school supplies to a newly built elementary school near LSA Anaconda, Sept. 20.

In the village of Bani Sa'ad, the children only have one elementary school to attend, the Al Imam Primary School.

This school was recently built by a tribal leader on his land, said Lt. Col. Brett M. Hale, commander of 345th MIB, also known as Task Force Dragon Slayers.

While drinking a cup of Chai, the team discussed community relation issues with the sheik inside his home.

“We just want the American forces to provide security for our community,” he told Soldiers during the meeting. “Other villages may look at your visit here in another way.”

The sheik voiced his concerns about security, asking for help from the military, in hopes that the country of Iraq will become a free and democratic nation soon.

All of the children, whose ages ranged from 5 years old to 16 years old, waited patiently in single-file lines as the team began bringing in the boxes of supplies.

Each child had a joyful expression on their face as they were handed

notebooks, paper, pencils, and other miscellaneous supplies.

“They are all very excited about getting these supplies,” Hale said. “I’ve never seen children get so anxious about school supplies.”

He said that many children in the United States take these simple things for granted.

After the supplies were given to each child, the Soldiers then visited the classrooms, and the children all said “Thank you” in English and clapped their hands to show their appreciation for the military’s donations. The students within the classes were separated by age groups and gender.

The donation of these school supplies were initiated by a Hamilton County, Tenn. school board member, Rhonda Thurman. She collected the items from various organizations and sent them to Hale.

The mission’s sponsors were the Pachyderm Club, the Tennessee Valley Republican Women, and the Hamilton County Republican Women, and Operation Iraqi Children.

The supplies included composition books, pencils, paper, folders, crayons, rulers, as well as two wagons and a dozen soccer balls. There were also Arabic books donated to the school too.

“This will be the highlight of my



Spc. Gregory Power pulls security overwatch on top of a nearby building as school supplies are handed out to the children of the Al Imam Primary school, Sept. 20.

deployment,” Hale said. “Many opinions and thought processes start early on in life. The more missions that we can do, such as this one, the more that Iraq will think positive about the United States.”



Lt. Col. Brett M. Hale, commander of 345th Military Intelligence Battalion, shook each and every single child's hand as they received the donated school supplies and soccer balls on Sept. 20, at the Al Imam Primary School, located in the village of Bani Sa'ad, Iraq.



Staff Sgt. Edwin J. North, 345th Military Intelligence Battalion, hands out donated supplies to a teacher at the Al Imam Primary School.



Staff Sgt. Edwin J. North and Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey D. Burke, 345th Military Intelligence Battalion, pull security while Iraqi children play in the schoolyard nearby. The children received various school supplies, soccer balls, and wagons



Soldiers of the 345th Military Intelligence Battalion, also known as Task Force Dragon Slayers are conveying back to Logistical Support Area Anaconda on Sept. 20 after a successful mission to the Al Imam Primary School, in which much needed school supplies were donated to the children.

Task Force Thunder hands over



Soldiers sing the Army Song during the transfer of authority ceremony between the two combat aviation brigades.



Command Sgt. Maj. Craig H. Rinde and Col. Jeffrey N. Colt, command team for the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, case their colors during a transfer of authority ceremony with the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade Saturday here. The unit is heading back to families in Fort Campbell, Ky., after a year-long deployment in Iraq providing aviation support for Multi National Corps-Iraq forces.



36th CAB's commander Col. Vernon A. Sevier, Jr. salutes the colors during a transfer of authority ceremony Saturday here.



Maj. Gen. Daniel Hahn, MNC-I's deputy commanding general, Command Sgt. Maj. Craig H. Rinde and Col. Jeffrey N. Colt, command team for the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, spend a few moments of silence to remember those who have fallen.

reins to Task Force Mustang

“Constant focus and effort are required, both to accomplish the mission and keep our Soldiers safe.”

- Maj. Gen. Daniel Hahn

by Staff Sgt. Lorin T. Smith
36th CAB Public Affairs Office

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq -- The 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) transferred authority of the Multi National Corps-Iraq brigade aviation support mission to the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade on Sept. 23.

More than 100 Soldiers watched the only active duty aviation brigade to not lose a single Soldier or aircraft in battle during its year-long deployment in Iraq, hand over the reins to the first fully transformed National Guard combat aviation brigade.

“I feel very comfortable the mission will continue with great results,” said Maj. Gen. Daniel Hahn, MNC-I’s deputy commanding general. “The preparation has been exceptional and I’m certain that (the 36th CAB will) do an outstanding job.”

The ceremony marked the transfer of authority for the mission from Task Force Thunder to Task Force Mustang.

The 159th CAB Commander, Col. Jeffrey N. Colt, and Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Rinde cased TF Thunder’s colors. Minutes later, 36th CAB’s Commander Col. Vernon A. Sevier, Jr., and Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Brandt uncased TF Mustang’s colors.

The 159th CAB has had a remarkable year,” Hahn said.

Task Force Thunder, the operational name given to the 159th task force, has flown more than 85,000 combat flight hours, transported more than 300,000 passengers, hauled more than 25 million pounds of supplies and evacuated more than 5,200 patients while in theater.

“This remarkable achievement is more than just a convenience; it represents countless deaths and injuries of U.S. and coalition forces prevented by dramatically reducing the need for ground convoys,” Hahn continued.

Colt spoke about the individual efforts members of TF Thunder made to the theater-level mission. “The number of hours flown, maintenance procedures performed, gallons of fuel pumped and reenlistment oaths spoken were pretty staggering,” he said.

“Nothing could be more gratifying than knowing we did our duty to the best of our ability and left here with little energy left in the tank as we prepare to depart,” Colt added.

As the 159th heads back to Fort Campbell, Ky., to reunite with their families, the Texas-based 36th comes in to “Take Charge” where they left off.

“It’s now our turn to take over this important mission,” Sevier said. “We now move forward to continue with the mission to provide flexible and responsive aviation support



Maj. Gen. Daniel Hahn, MNC-I's deputy commanding general, Col. Jeffrey N. Colt, command team for the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, and Col. Jeffrey N. Colt, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade's commander spend a few moments after the ceremony to talk about the future of Army aviation.

through the Corps’ (Area of Operations) and to execute all missions to the high standards set by our predecessors.”

Since the War on Terrorism began, the Army has been rotating both Regular and Reserve Army components on a yearly basis in the Iraqi theater.

Hahn spoke about the seamless transition he has seen between the two units.

“It is a testament to the quality of our Army that we can go from a Reserve-heavy rotation in (Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06), to an active-dominated rotation with Task Force Thunder in (OIF 05-07) and now back to a Reserve component force in OIF 06-08,” the general said. “This TOA is proof that our system works and we can meet all the commitments our nation requires of us.”

The theater-level Corps aviation asset has a myriad of missions: It provides attack aviation support, air assault operations, daily ground patrol and convoy support, fixed-wing missions, cargo movement missions and Medical Evacuation operations.

“You cannot take your eye off the ball for one single minute,” Hahn said to each TF Mustang Soldier. “Constant focus and effort are required, both to accomplish the mission and keep our Soldiers safe.”

The 36th CAB is made up of National Guard and Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers from 44 states comprising of more than 2,700 Soldiers.

“The 36th CAB Soldiers are trained and ready for the mission and ready to execute,” Sevier said, closing out the ceremony.

The 36th is the first Army National Guard Combat Aviation Brigade to deploy to Iraq.



Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Brandt and Col. Vernon A. Sevier, Jr., uncased the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade colors as the new unit takes over the aviation support mission for Multi National Corps-Iraq forces Saturday here.

Little Charlie

By Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Yost
164th Corps Support Group Chaplain

You know how at Disney World they have “larger than life walking versions” Mickey and Minnie Mouse and others strolling around, meeting and greeting the paying customers for photo ops?

On America’s Funniest Videos recently, there was a little guy maybe 4-5 years old sitting in a food court. The little boy turns around and sees a walking Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh [in the mall for some kind of promotion]. It is really strange as the boy alternates between terror of this huge creature and comfort in that Eeyore is near.

It is “Hi, Eeyore!” with a pleasant smile one second. Then as if one waves a hand across the face, he starts crying out in absolute terror in the next second. Five seconds later he returns to his sandwich and the pattern repeats itself a couple of times.

Life can be a lot like that video clip. At times we are so comfortable with what we see, and without much warning we find that life is not at all what we thought it was just a moment ago.

An acquaintance of mine has a grandson whose name is Charlie. The family enjoys taking walks through the woods. Charlie is very energetic and has a habit of running ahead of the rest of the family. The grandparents warn him not to go off the path and not to run too far ahead. But he scampers on. That is... until there is a barking dog or a snake wriggles in front of him. Then he does a 180 turn and hustles back and places his hand into those of his grandparents until after the danger passes.

While you may still be smiling with me with that image of those little boys, knowing that they were completely safe, we have recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of a day that leaves us far short of any comfort level that all will be well.

The beginning of Isaiah 50 speaks to a nation that ran ahead of God and ran off the path He had set out for them. He called out to them again and again, but to no avail. “When I called, why was there no one to answer?”

He certainly is in the position to help and to save us. His arm is not too short nor does He lack the strength to rescue us. Just by saying a word, even the mighty Amazon River would dry up!

But as a culture we have been walking well off the path. Even as individual believers and seekers, we too often have followed side trails that led us astray into unexpected and unwelcome dangers and results. Being lost is one thing, but more significantly, we have had little concern or desire for the things of God while reeling around in our stupor.

Where are you in your walk with God?
Is God your chief interest and concern?
Who or what could possibly be more important or valuable or helpful?
God is calling out to us to turn back to him, just as surely as He was calling Israel of old: “...Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.” (Isaiah 50:10, NIV)

Messagesfrom Home

Henry Torres,
Keep up the good work and your contagious smile. Thank you for being there to protect all of us! We think about you often and miss you very much! Take care!
The Tanakas

Joleen MT Bernardo.
I would love to send you a Big and Warm shout out. I just want you to know that we are very proud of you and to stay strong and safe. Oh ! If I may add a little more I want you to know that your mom would have been so honored to have you as a daughter.

Hi Husband & Daddy
Dale Quemado....God Bless You!! & May God keep you SAFE!!! & return you home untouched!!! We love you w/ all our hearts!!! WE MISS YOU!!! See you soon!!

Ryan Sueyoshi
Thanks for being the best dad for Rachel. No one can take your place.
We love you!

Aloha Bradah!
I’ve been following Irlene’s website and see all of you have gotten settled. We’re missing you here. Everything is “OK”. Hope to see you soon.
Love Maile & Roy Gandy


Ignacio Juarezdelacruz
We miss you so much! I can’t wait to see you in Houston! Don’t be getting too stressed out, okay? Remember... Hakuna Matata. We love you!
Love,
Brienne and Mia

Denise Lord
We love you and can’t wait to see you. Your son Timothy says Aloha! and that he loves you very much. It soon will be spooooky time and you know what I’m taking about. I see lots of pumpkins lit up with candles and buckets of candy every where. Well got to go so look forward to hearing from you soon.
Take care,
Jackie

Kristin - You’re the ginchiest.
Love, Elvis

Bobby Estranero,
I am missing you so much. I wait for your calls just to hear your voice. Miki and I can’t wait for you to come home.
Love you, Sweetie!

Want your family members to read the Anaconda Times at home or write short messages in the the AT.? Have your unit FSG email us at mark.bell@balad.iraq.centcom.mil.



Swing Dancing
Lessons on
Tuesdays
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
East MWR

LSA ANACONDA RELIGIOUS SCHEDULE

Religious schedule subject to change

Roman Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel
Saturday 8 p.m. Provider Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m. Freedom Chapel
Sunday 9 a.m. Tuskegee Chapel
Sunday 5:30 p.m. Provider Chapel
Sunday 11 a.m. Air Force Hospital
Monday - Friday 5 p.m. Tuskegee

Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 minutes prior to each mass

Church of Christ
Sunday 2 p.m.. Tuskegee Chapel

Islamic Prayer
Friday 12:30 p.m. Provider Chapel

Samoan Congregational Service
Sunday 4 p.m. Provider Chapel

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 1 p.m. Provider Chapel
Sunday 4 p.m. Freedom Chapel
Sunday 7 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel

Friday Shabbat Service
Friday 7 p.m.Tuskegee Chapel

Eastern Orthodox Prayer Service
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel

Protestant-Gospel
Sunday 10 a.m. Sustainer Indoor Theater
Sunday, 11 a.m. MWR East Building
Sunday 11:30 a.m. Freedom Chapel
Sunday 2 p.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel
Sunday 7 p.m. Provider Chapel

Protestant Praise and Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. MWR East Building
Sunday 9 a.m. Eden Chapel
Sunday 7 p.m. Freedom Chapel

Sunday 7:30 p.m. Eden Chapel
Wednesday 7 p.m. Freedom Chapel

Protestant-Contemporary
Wednesday, 8 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel
Sunday 11 a.m. Town Hall

Protestant-Traditional
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Provider Chapel
Sunday 10 a.m. Freedom Chapel
Sunday 5 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel
Sunday 7:30 p.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel

Non-Denominational
Sunday 9 a.m. Signal Chapel

Non-Denominational Spanish
Sunday 2 p.m. Freedom Chapel

Transportation Detachment wraps up, ships home

by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown

Anaconda Times Staff Writer

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq —A year's worth of transportation has come to an end for the 525th Transportation Detachment out of Charlotte, N.C., as they passed their duties onto their replacements.

The 16-person unit arrived at Anaconda in October 2005, and provided ground control support ever since. They coordinated ground transportation, processed transportation movement requests, monitored route condition statuses, and oversaw the Kellogg, Brown, & Root vehicle staging lanes for outbound convoys.

"I've seen a lot of growth in a lot of Soldiers," said Maj. David J. Schwarz, commander of the unit.

Schwarz, an Active Guard Reserve Soldier who calls Seattle home, said his best memory of the year was not just one experience.

"When I look back 10 or 20 years from now, I'm not going to remember the hardships. I'm probably not going to remember much of the mission. But I will remember the Soldiers, and the positive change I've seen, and the growth."

Schwarz said his unit's biggest accomplishment was simply improving on their processes and procedures, which maximized their work-

ing capacity.

"That resulted in providing world-class movement control service for the largest Forward Operating Base operations in Iraq," he said, speaking of Anaconda.

Staff Sgt. Brian F. Folk, a transportation management coordinator and student at Florida Metropolitan University while not deployed, thought the unit's main achievement was getting past their different backgrounds to work together.

"It was coming together as a team for the deployment and going home as a team," he said.

The unit is highly cross-leveled, and its members will go their separate ways to rejoin their old units once they return to the United States.

Schwarz said the unit changed many of its procedures during the year spent here.

"When we changed TMRs, we identified all the steps, saw that there were redundancies, and eliminated them," Schwarz said.

The unit's cooperation with their KBR counterparts was essential to the success of their mission, he said. The 525th partnered up with approximately 30 KBR employees at different locations on Anaconda, including Entry Control Points and the KBR shipping lanes.

"At first, the KBR employees were doing the tasks our Soldiers didn't want to do," Schwarz said.

He said the 525th began to share tasks equally with KBR because of the expectation that in the future, civilian contractors will be taking over more movement control duties in Iraq.

Overcoming resistance to change was the unit's biggest difficulty, Schwarz said. Some were hesitant to modify the way their predecessors had operated, but eventually, the unit found that incorporating new procedures made them more successful.

"Having a plan for success was one of the lessons learned," Schwarz said. Part of his command philosophy is that each phase of deployment, mission, and key events all start with a plan.

That philosophy carried over into how the 525th trained their replacements.

Schwarz said he set up a management system, a scheduled cross-walk of training for the incoming troops that tracked their progress in three stages: untrained, practiced, and trained. He said he wanted to make sure his unit's replacements were better prepared than his was.

The experiences many in the unit will remember the most are those which came with

rewards.

"I'll remember most getting promoted twice over here, and doing my job to the best of my ability," Folk said.

1st Sgt. Steven S. Van Dyke, the unit's first sergeant and an Active Guard Reserve Soldier originally from Chicago, said he takes pride in awarding his Soldiers with what they deserve.

"For me, seeing the Soldiers getting their due rewards and promotions was the best part," he said. "We try to build leadership traits, camaraderie, and mentor Soldiers to a level they've never seen before."

As for what the Soldiers looked forward most as they headed home, the verdict was unanimous. Spending time with family was at the top of the list.

"I have a 7-year-old son who learned to ride a bike and swim while I was gone, so I'm definitely looking forward to spending time with (my family)," Schwarz said.

Sgt. Justin L. Egan, also a transportation management coordinator in the unit from Ocala, Fla., and full time student at Central Florida Community College, said he's ready to get back to "normal" life.

"Reconnecting with family and friends, and getting back into the routine of life is what I look forward to," he said.

Hoax Virus Warnings

There have been reports of unofficial virus warnings being forwarded throughout the Iraq Theater. Below is an example of one such message. In the majority of these situations, the threat is non-existent, or outdated, and the intent is to encourage the user to forward the message. Official warnings of virus activity will come from the Information Assurance team, through the S6 and IMO channels, or through an All Balad message.

Here are some resources that you can use to research these emails in order to determine their validity:

<http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/invitation.asp>

<http://www.f-secure.com/virus-info/hoax/>

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SPAWAR MWR INTERNET CAFÉ LOCATIONS

1. East MWR Building
2. next to DRMO on the Northwest corner of base
3. Fitness center near DFAC 4
4. Bldg 4148 – south end of the PX road
5. Northwest near Texas and Letterman Street
6. North of David Letterman Dr. on the NW corner
7. H6 Housing Area
8. Next to CJTF-7-66
9. Ed Center Building 4250
10. Northwest on Texas Street
11. Catfish Westside
12. Next to DFAC 4, close to living quarters, right of DFAC
13. near DFAC 4 behind Laundry
14. 3rd Eng. Bldg 4091
15. East Bldg 4096
16. NOC
17. Bldg 4111 near water tower
18. bldg 4156 Southwest near Education Center
19. Behind Bldg 4091 Close to 3 Eng/MTS
20. Bldg 4166 Southeast near Education Center
21. Bldg 4158 Southeast near Education Center
22. Pax Terminal
23. Near DFAC 4 (hardened aircraft shelter)
24. Hospital

See something suspicious on LSAA?

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October 4

Open Court Volleyball
6 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Tae Kwon Do
7 to 8:30 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
9 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Green Bean Karaoke
8 p.m.
Green Bean Coffee Shop

5-5 Basketball Tourney
8 p.m.
West MWR Fitness Center

Hip Hop Class
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

Poker
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

October 5

Aerobics
6 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Yoga
6 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Boxing
7:30 to 9 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Rock Climbing Class
8 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

8-Ball Tourney
8 p.m.

ANACONDA ACTIVITIES

Your one-stop connection to activities around LSA Anaconda
to add your activity to the event calendar, email mark.bell@balad.iraq.centcom.mil

West Recreation Center

Madden '05
8 p.m.
West Recreation Center

9-Ball Tourney
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

DJ Classes
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

October 6

Tae Kwon Do
7 to 8:30 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

NOGI Jiu-Jitsu
9 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Level 2 Swim Lessons
7 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Level 1 Swim Lessons
8 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Battlefield Ground
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

October 7

Aerobics
5:30 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Boxing
7:30 to 9 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Chess Tourney
8 p.m.
West Recreation Center

4-4 Volleyball Tourney
8 p.m.
West MWR Fitness Center

Caribbean Dance
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

October 8

Aerobics
noon to 1 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Open Court Volleyball
6 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

500m Fins/Kickboard
9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Texas Hold'em
8 p.m.
West Recreation Center

Aerobics
8 p.m.
West MWR Fitness Center

Salsa Dance
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

Tae Kwon Do
7 to 8:30 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

NOGI Jiu-Jitsu
9 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Level 2 Swim Lessons
7 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Level 1 Swim Lessons
8 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Command & Conquer
8 p.m.
West Recreation Center

Dodgeball Tourney
8 p.m.
West MWR Fitness Center

Texas Hold'em
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

October 9

Aerobics
5:30 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Boxing
7:30 to 9 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

100m Butterfly
10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Spades Tourney
8 p.m.
West Recreation Center

4-4 Volleyball Tourney
8 p.m.
West MWR Fitness Center

Caribbean Dance
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

October 10

Aerobics
noon to 1 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

Open Court Volleyball
6 p.m.
East MWR Fitness Center

One-Mile Swim Race
10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Texas Hold'em
8 p.m.
West Recreation Center

Aerobics
8 p.m.
West MWR Fitness Center

Salsa Dance
8 p.m.
East Rec Center

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Puzzle Answers

Crossword:
1. Sealion
2. Chattanooga Choo Choo
3. Desert Storm
4. Northern Watch
5. Rice Bowl
6. Barbarossa
7. Eldorado Canyon
8. Entebbe
9. Just Cause
10. Urgent Fury
11. Crossbow
12. Overlord

Cryptogram Corner:
"Powder is scarce and must not be wasted. Fire low!
You are all marksmen and could kill a squirrel at a hundred yards.
Reserve your fire and the enemy will all be destroyed."

REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name, First, M.I. _____ Rank/Grade _____

Unit/Company _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____
MM DD

Age Bracket (please circle)

18-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55 & Over

Gender M [] F []

T-Shirt Size M [] L [] XL [] 2XL []

WAIVER – ALL ENTRANTS MUST READ AND SIGN

4TH ANNUAL ANACONDA 10 MILER, Sunday, October 8, 2006

WAIVER. I agree and understand that a road race is potentially hazardous. I agree that I am voluntarily participating in the Event and using Event facilities or premises and assume all risk of injury, illness, damage or loss to me or my property that might result, including, without limitation, any loss or theft of personal property. I hereby consent to medical treatment in event of injury, accident and/or illness during the Event. I agree on behalf of myself (or my representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, agents, and assigns) to release and discharge all Event sponsors, volunteers, employees and the U.S. Army from any and all claims or causes of action (known and unknown) arising out of negligence. I also understand that this run is entered at the sole risk of me and the organizers and sponsors of the run are exempt for liability for any cause. I grant permission to use the name, pictures and quotes from myself for publicity purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

please tear off the registration form and return it to the circuit gym (next to the main gym) before race day



ANACONDA CROSSWORD "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

- Across
1. * One of the styles of music that Tito Puente played

6. * "Two" in Spanish

9. Mr. Fields, and others

12. * Annual awards show which made its debut in the Year 2000: The ___ Grammys

13. * Spanish title of respect for a man

15. Foot Part ...flipped around?

16. Positive, without the "refutable"

17. * ___ Sound Machine (Gloria and Emilio Estefan's band which had a smash hit in 1985 with the song "Conga")

19. Part of the title of a "Rocky" sequel

20. Prefix to "system"

21. * Monetary unit in #48A

23. * Some Americans of Hispanic heritage might trace their roots to this country

26. * Santana Song: "No ___ to Depend On"

28. Alphabet letters

29. Written Work

30. * Cinco de Mayo: This holiday commemorates the victory that was achieved in battle in the city of ___ by the small army of #48A against the army of the French during the French occupation of #48A, in 1862

33. Last name of the sixth queen consort of Henry VIII of England

35. Alternative indicator

36. * Edward James ___: Actor who portrayed the father of Mexican Tejano-style singer Selena (who was portrayed by #82A) in the biographical movie "Selena" (1997)

39. * Things that were used by Frida Kahlo

43. Equal, archaically

45. * This mission in San Antonio, Texas was besieged by forces from #48A under the command of General Santa Anna during the Texan war for independence, in 1836

47. Word heard in a Shakespeare play

48. * See #21A and #30A for Related Clues

50. * Documentary about a group of legendary Cuban musicians: "Buena ___ Social Club" (1999)

52. Three-toed sloth

53. Electric force unit
55. * Many of them are hit by baseball hero, Sammy Sosa

57. Up to now

60. Orinoco tributary

63. * ___ Lobos: Popular band that had a hit in 1987 when it covered legendary Hispanic rock star Ritchie Valens' classic "La Bamba"

64. * Where #25D and #61D were born

67. Kate or Tim

70. Intruding Insect

71. * Nickname of #4D: ___ Libertador

72. * Some Americans of Hispanic heritage might trace their roots to this country

74. Atomic #28

75. Frost

76. Watch company

78. Habituate

80. Mr. Beatty

81. Pig's Pen

82. * In 2001, she made history when she had the #1 album (See #37D) and the #1 movie ("The Wedding Planner") in the same week: Jennifer ___
- Down
1. Fall away

2. Berne's river

3. Military Title, for short

4. * He led the revolt of South American colonies against the rule of #57D

5. Certain Cuckoo

6. Form of theological rationalism

7. Computer status

8. Earth

9. Things that grow in #8D

10. Sweet thing

11. * "West Side ___" (1961): Movie for which #25D received the 'Best Supporting Actress' Oscar

13. Shade Trees ...flipped around?

14. * Famously controversial talkshow host: Ger- aldo ___

18. Ms. West, minus the "M"

22. Celebrated Castaway, without the "Robinson Cru"

24. Cobra

25. * There are very few performers who are as

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- multi-talented ___ who has won Emmy, Golden Globe, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards
27. Building extension
30. Romantic creation
31. Recommend
32. Heard in the Gardening Store ...backwards!:
34. Heard in the Hotel: "Look at all of this grandeur. This certainly is ___ hotel!"
37. * Hit album of #82A ...backwards!:
38. Nest Eggs, minus the "ings"
40. State in the U.S.A.
41. Droplet from the eye
42. * "Six" in Spanish
44. Lumberjack's tool
46. Music syllable
49. * Spanish conquistador who defeated the
- Aztecs and conquered #48A
51. Parcel of Land ...flipped around?
54. Paver's need
56. Compass point
57. * See #4D
58. Weight measurement
59. * Celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month
61. * Mr. Martin who achieved international super- stardom with the hit song "Livin' La Vida Loca"
62. * "Eight" in Spanish
65. Bullring cheers
66. Healing Cream, minus the "ntment"
68. Concerning
69. * "Ten" in Spanish
73. Comical Character, with Abner
77. Pronoun
79. Direction

SUSTAINER REEL TIME THEATER		(Schedule is subject to change)
		Wednesday, Oct. 4
5 p.m.		The Guardian (PG-13)
8 p.m.		John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
		Thursday, Oct. 5
5 p.m.		My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13)
8 p.m.		The Guardian (PG)
		Friday, Oct. 6
2 p.m.		Miami Vice (R)
5 p.m.		Lady in the Water (PG-13)
8:30 p.m.		Open Season (PG)
		Saturday, Oct. 7
11 a.m.		Miami Vice (R)
2 p.m.		Open Season (PG)
5 p.m.		The Ant Bully (PG)
8 p.m.		Open Season (PG)
		Sunday, Oct. 8
2 p.m.		John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
5 p.m.		Open Season (PG)
8 p.m.		Miami Vice (R)
		Monday, Oct. 9
5 p.m.		The Ant Bully (PG)
8 p.m.		Open Season (PG)
		Tuesday, Oct. 10
5 p.m.		Open Season (PG)
8 p.m.		Miami Vice (R)
		Wednesday, Oct. 11
5 p.m.		Lady in the Water (PG-13)
8 p.m.		The Ant Bully (PG)

Anaconda Sudoku

Mission:
Using logic and reasoning you must fill the remaining empty cells in the 2 puzzle with a digit from to 9, such that each digit from to 9 appears
- exactly once on each row
- exactly once in each column
- exactly once in each of the nine delineated 3x3 squares.
There is only one solution

6						8	1	
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		2	8	9				4
		5	1		7		3	
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Paratroopers 'jump' into deployment in Tallil

'All Americans' take over installation command of Adder

— story and photos by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown —

LSA ADDER, Iraq — The red and white flag of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade now flies over Logistical Support Area Adder, after the unit took over installation command from the 16th Corps Support Group in a transfer of authority ceremony Sept. 19.

Col. Steven R. Lyons, commander of the 82nd SB, was handed the command by Col. Victor MacCagnan of the 16th CSG, as one flag was cased for its flight home, and the other was uncased to start its tour in Iraq.

"I'm honored to stand here today amongst a cast of heroes," Lyons said. "I want you to welcome these Soldiers. The patch they wear has brought fear to America's enemies."

The former Division Support Command for the 82nd Airborne Division, the 82nd SB, is now one of three newly transformed sustainment brigades deployed to Iraq. The unit works under the operational control of another newly transformed organization, the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

The 82nd SB will be continuing the mission carried out by the 16th CSG, not only serving as brigade headquarters, but providing personnel service, logistics support, supply, and transportation across three multi-national division sectors in Iraq.

During their year in Iraq, Soldiers of the 16th CSG delivered critical supplies throughout the Multi-National Corps-Iraq area on more than 1,500 sustainment convoys, according to the unit's history read at the ceremony.

Some of the supplies they delivered included 2,500 tons of ice, 60 million gallons of water, and more than a quarter billion gallons of fuel. In addition, the 16th CSG was responsible for training and mentoring the 8th Iraqi Army Division's motor transport regiment.

"You've got to pace yourself every day so you don't lose sight of the big picture," MacCagnan said on the challenges of commanding a brigade.

He said his biggest accomplishment was ensuring that his commanders were provided with what they needed to fight the war on terror.

Although all Soldiers look forward to going home, the return will be bittersweet for the 16th CSG, which lost three Soldiers during its tour in Iraq.

"Nothing I could put on paper would do justice to his memory," MacCagnan said about one of his slain Soldiers.

MacCagnan said the 16th CSG's mission in Iraq could be seen best during the humanitarian operations to local villages they participated in.

"You see Iraqi children and they look just like everybody's children," MacCagnan said. "It really brings it home and shows us what we're doing here."

Upon arrival in the 16th CSG's home station in Hanau, Germany, the unit will begin its transformation into a sustainment brigade, providing logistical support in central Germany.

MacCagnan is most looking forward to spending time with his wife and children, and having a few beers when the unit returns to Germany, he said.

Lyons said the 82nd SB, which has history that dates back to World War I, is ready to accept this mission and will not let down those who are relying on it.

He called the deployment the next chapter in the war on terror.

"Sleep well, the 82nd are on the ground," Lyons said. "I'm confident that the investment (we) make here will be recorded in the history books."



Members of a platoon bow in prayer at the opening of a transfer of authority ceremony



Col. Steven R. Lyons, commander of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade, and Command Sgt. Maj. Hunt uncasing their unit's flag signifying the beginning of their deployment, Sept. 19.



(Top) Members of a Color Guard stand ready for a transfer of authority ceremony from the 16th Corps Support Group to the 82nd Sustainment Brigade Sept. 19. (Above) Flags in the Color Guard wave during the transfer of authority ceremony