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Spc. James A. Richard, a mechanic with C Co. 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, washes his truck at the wash rack on Pennsylvania Avenue at Logistical Support Area Anaconda. His hometown is Lawton, Okla.

### Command group encourages Soldiers to remember, celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

I extend my warmest greetings to the members of the Hispanic American community as you celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

One of the greatest strengths of our nation is the rich cultural diversity of our people.

Hispanics have left a permanent mark on our land, helping to forge one of the greatest nations on earth.

It is clear that Americans of Hispanic descent have had a great role in achieving our nation's destiny.

That is good news, because the values which Hispanics have always cherished –faith, love of family, and pride in country – are the very values that built our Nation and that will keep it strong and free.

Our country will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and will recognize the important role Hispanic Americans play in our nation's life.

Please join me along with the Soldiers of the 13th SC (E) and LSA Anaconda as we honor the achievements of Hispanic Americans. God bless you, and God bless America.

- Brig. Gen. Michael J. Terry

"I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough."

I am Pfc. Christopher W. Keeler, from South Bend, Ind.  
657th Transportation Detachment >> truck driver





# AT Spotlight: Brig. Gen. Michael J. Silva, commander of the 411th Eng. Bde.

## What type of unit is the 411th Engineer Brigade?

The 411th EN BDE is an Army Reserve Command and Control headquarters unit based out of New Windsor, N.Y. Our function is to provide the command and control of joint engineer assets in support of the Multinational Corps Iraq (MNC-I). We are the corps commander's engineer resource to influence the kinetic and non-kinetic fights in the Iraqi theater of operations. Our small staff, of roughly 120 highly skilled Soldiers command and control 3,300 Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors within the engineering force.

## What does the 411th Engineer Brigade bring to the "fight"?

Plan, Build, Protect: Assisting Iraq. That is our theme...that is what we bring to the fight. We bring a diversity of well trained citizen Soldiers; professionals in the fields of engineering, law, logistics, administration, military intelligence, project management, construction management, and combat engineering.

## Briefly describe your mission?

Our mission is to protect coalition forces by providing combat engineer patrols to clear roads of mines. These Route Clearing Teams assure mobility for maneuver forces and the logistical supply vehicles. We also provide a robust construction management capability, to ensure availability of water, electricity, and adequate sleeping facilities for coalition forces in the contingency operating bases (COBs).

## That's a big mission, how will you get all that done?

The 411th is a Theater Army Engineer Brigade so we have an organic Construction Management Section with Professional Engineers (PE) assigned. Under my Command is the 84th Engineer Combat Heavy (construction battalion), the Engineer Red Horse Squadron (an premier Air Force Engineer Construction element), a detachment from Prime Power, four facility engineer teams for the COBs, three utility detachments, and two combat support equipment companies. We also have a combat corps wheel and a combat corps mechanized battalion conducting the route clearing missions on the Corps MSR's. These 3,300 servicemembers are primarily dedicated to meeting the mission.

## As an Army Reserve unit, how do you bring added value to mission accomplishment?

The 411th EN BDE has been called to duty by our nation. We will plan the clearing of road systems to protect coalition forces' mobility within Iraq and oversee the transition of battle space in order to allow the continued building of a free and independent Iraq.

We are a melting pot of civilian experiences. The unification of such a talented, diverse group of individuals only brings positive exponential results to any task undertaken by this command. The experiences brought to the table of this melting pot, called the 411th EN BDE, allows for us to better grasp an understanding of the differences inherent to joint operations.

## What is your command philosophy?

Leadership, discipline, and the seven Army values (Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal



**Pfc. Kevin E. Grost, from A Company, 84th ECB (H) explains the operating procedures for a dozer to Brig. Gen. Michael J. Silva.**

courage) are the foundation of successful units.

Engineers are the preeminent force multiplier in the stability and reconstruction phase of operations. We are planning, building, and protecting to assist the people of Iraq build a new nation based upon the democratic representation of all the people and tribes of Iraq. Our goal is to provide hope and opportunity for prosperity. We can assist them in developing the infrastructure for their nation.

I require my Soldiers to be the best at what they do—both tactically and technically proficient. Competency requires constant study, practice, and critical self-evaluation. Stand up, get out front, and lead. This war is won at the squad and platoon level. Our junior leaders are the best in the world at what they do and they prove it everyday by leading small groups. Communicate—up, down and sideways. All the technical competence in the world is useless if you fail to lead and communicate. Knowledge is power only if it is shared!

Above all, we must be dedicated to the Soldiers and to the mission. The mission is always Priority #1....so is taking care of Soldiers and their families. A good leader will find a way to do both.

## What is the greatest expectation you have of the Soldiers serving in your command?

To remain focused on their mission with discipline, leadership and risk management. We are here to assist the Iraqi government in developing the capability to protect their nation from both internal and external threats to their freedom. Leadership, discipline and risk management efforts are critical to ensuring mission accomplishment and the greatest probability of safely returning after our call to duty.

## What has been your greatest challenge during your career?

Taking command of this Brigade just prior to our deployment. In a very short time I had to assemble the team, train, and prepare for this mission. It has been a tough journey placing the right leaders in the right positions. In some cases, I assigned Soldiers to non- Military Occupational Specialties because their civilian acquired skills were strong in areas where those individuals were a better fit and added more value to the Brigade.

Then we had to train for this high OPTEMPO environmental and meld as a team. Our team is now in place. We have a learning curve but the core team element is prepared and fully mission capable to meet the needs of the corps commander. Now our challenge is continuous daily improvement, striving for perfection in all assigned tasks while proactively anticipating missions before they are assigned.

## A year from now, as you prepare to return home, how will you identify the completion of a successful year?

As we hand off operational control to our successor, the 411th EN BDE's efforts will have measurably contributed to the defeat of the IED network. Having reduced the effectiveness of IEDs, we will have set the conditions for the transition to Provincial Iraqi control through the training of Iraqi Army engineers. Additionally, we will have consolidated the coalition foot-print of FOBs and expanded the coalition forces contingency COBs. Non-kinetic construction project operations will have swayed the moderate populace to support the government of Iraq and will have resulted in the reduction of IED attacks on coalition forces.

## You have mentioned the training of Iraqi Army engineers. How is it a benefit?

It is a symbiotic relationship allowing us to focus on more specific tasks while developing the Iraqi's self-reliance in areas of infrastructure and general engineering improvements. This is accomplished through training opportunities like that of recent horizontal and vertical construction classes conducted here on LSA Anaconda. We also just finished training Iraqi engineers on the Mabey Johnson Bridge. They will now be able to perform engineer horizontal, vertical, and bridging work for their country.

## Is there anything else you would like to add?

Just that America should be very proud of its sons and daughters. They are heroes everyday fighting terrorism in a foreign land to hinder terrorist's ability to attack the American people in our homeland. They also fight to help the people of Iraq build a new nation without the interference of radical insurgent zealots who have eradicated the peaceful nature of the Muslim religion.

Every day, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with so many fine men and women – of all services; thankful for the opportunity to wear the uniform of our Army. I am thankful for being a citizen of the greatest nation on the face of the earth. I am proud to be a member of this coalition and I'm proud to command one of the finest engineer brigades in the U.S. Army.

When I look back a year from now, I will be glad to say that I participated in this noble effort. The hardships and sacrifices we will all have suffered will have been worth the price. Freedom is worth the sacrifice – it's never cheap.

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# Roommates donate personal belongings to local security force

*"We decided we were going to donate our stuff instead of trying to sell it. It was the right thing to do."*

- Sgt. Kandy Gorsuch, from Douglas, Wyo.

by Spc. Amanda Solitario

## Anaconda Times Staff Writer

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq**—When it is time to return home, servicemembers often sell many of their belongings to the highest bidder, but it's not always about the money.

For two female ammunition specialists with the 452nd Ordnance Company, payment came in the form of a smile when they re-

cently donated several items to the Ugandan Security Forces.

As the two roommates, Sgt. Kandy Gorsuch and Sgt. Sarah Tilton, prepared to move into transient housing, they looked around their room wondering what to do with the mounds of things accumulated during their 12-month stay in Iraq.

"We decided we were going to donate our stuff instead of trying to sell it," said Gor-

such, who is from Douglas, Wyo. "It was the right thing to do."

The Soldiers felt the new Ugandan guards could benefit from the assistance seeing as they are still living in temporary housing. They hoped the unexpected gifts could add a touch of home while they wait for permanent billeting.

Tilton, who has been in the military for four years, said when they arrived at Ana-

conda last November, a friend gave her a television and a refrigerator.

"It was all free," Tilton said. "It kind of feels nice to do the same thing as we leave."

The women said this was their way of saying thank you to the Ugandans for everything they do at Anaconda.

"What they do on this base makes our jobs easier," Gorsuch said.

While packing up the items to be donated, Gorsuch made an announcement to the rest of her company asking if anyone else wanted to contribute items to the Ugandan Security Force. Within an hour, people were banging on her trailer door with armfuls of donations.

"Nobody even thought about doing something like that until they announced it to the rest of the unit," said Sgt. 1st Class Chad Bierman, the noncommissioned officer in charge of Tilton and Gorsuch. "It is just in their nature."

The two Soldiers, with the help of their company, collected television sets, power converters, power strips, refrigerators, rugs, brooms, and anything else to make the Ugandans more comfortable in their tents.

Gorsuch and Tilton personally drove the goods over to the Ugandan housing area, and met with Paul Kiyemba who was in charge of distributing everything evenly among the security forces.

Kiyemba said they do not have much and were extremely grateful to receive the gifts from the Soldiers.

Tilton, a Kalispell, Mont. native, said the recipients were all smiles and thanked the Soldiers dozens of times while moving the donations into their living quarters.

"They wouldn't even let us help them unload it from the truck," said Gorsuch, who has been in the military for 14 years.

The two reserve Soldiers are about to return to the United States and filter back into society as civilians. They said they are proud of their last act of goodwill.

"We can leave knowing we did the right thing," Tilton said.



Sgt. Sarah Tilton, with the 452nd Ordnance Company, watches as donated goods are unloaded from a Humvee and into the arms of the Ugandan security forces during a recent delivery. (Submitted Photo)

## What improvements would you like to see at LSA Anaconda?



Sgt. William F. Burns

"A better variety in the DFACs, every week there's the same things."



Pfc. Danielle N. Harris

"More MWR functions. They have the hip-hop night, but there are new rules now that the lights have to be on."



Sgt. Heather N. Williams

"MWR and the bazaar. I feel that they should have more things for us to do."



Sgt. Anderson J. McCarthy

"A little bit more social activities. We have the food and the bazaar, but there are not a lot of social events."



# The Kyng has arrived



*"Kyng" Arthur Sinclair croons Bob Marley hits to a crowd at sustainer theater.*

Story and photo by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown

## Anaconda Times Staff Writer

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** – The laid-back vibe of Caribbean calypso mixed with the accented lyrics of Reggae drifted through Sustainer Theatre Sept. 26 as Kyng Arthur, a Reggae artist took to the stage.

Dressed in jeans and wearing nearly waist-length dreadlocks, "Kyng" Arthur Sinclair, a native of Trinidad along with his four-man band momentarily transported servicemembers to a remote island through their hypnotic beats.

Sinclair, who started singing 17 years ago, performed famous Reggae covers from artists such as Bob Marley, Inner Circle, and Shaggy.

"Music is the key to universal love, peace, and understanding," Sinclair said. "We are all equal in the sight of God."

As a child growing up in Trinidad, Sinclair would listen to gospel music at church, as well as soul and Jamaican "Rock Steady" music, providing him with a diverse background of musical influences.

After migrating to the states in the early 1970s, Sinclair was introduced to Bob Marley's music in New York.

"(Marley) was the first Caribbean artist to be known all over the world," Arthur said. "He is my influence in Reggae music."

Anaconda was the last venue of Sinclair's tour, which started on Sept. 17. This is his second military tour; the first one covered Bosnia and Kosovo in July 2006.

Sinclair said this time he visited all of the major bases in Iraq and Kuwait, and enjoyed

the tour because it was a challenge.

The father of a twice-deployed Airman, Sinclair said that he would be open to doing another tour.

"I'd never ridden in a Blackhawk before, or been to a weapons range before," Sinclair said. "The Marines, Soldiers, and everyone gave us a warm welcome wherever we went."

Sinclair admitted he wasn't used to being on military bases, but the overall experience was a good one.

The singer toured the Air Force Theatre Hospital while here, and visited with some injured servicemembers.

"It was very touching," he said of visiting the wounded. "But it was good to see they were taken care of."

At the two-hour concert, the audience jived to several classic Reggae beats such as "One Love," "Stir it up," "I Shot the Sheriff," and "No Woman, no Cry."

Spc. Simon N. Wangige, a transportation coordinator from Seattle with the 624th Movement Control Team, danced in the isles of the theatre through most of the concert.

"I loved it, it's obvious," Wangige said. "Reggae is my favorite music, I grew up with it. I never thought they would play it here."

As the concert came to a close, Sinclair gave the message behind his music.

"We are all different people from different cultures and different parts of the world," Sinclair said. "But there is one God."

Sinclair said above all he hoped for the protection of the troops.

# Martial arts students learn from belt advancement

by Spc. Holly Stephani

## 593rd Corps Support Group

**AL ASAD, Iraq**— Eight warriors' nine weeks of hard work paid off during an Isshin-Ryu karate rank testing ceremony here Sept. 19.

During the traditional ceremony, Soldiers were dressed in their white gi's as Maj. Brian Memoli passed out the customary colored belts the students earned.

The students, ranging from specialists to majors, practiced between four and five days per week, for an intense 90 minutes each, in addition to their usual 12 and 15-hour workdays to reach this goal.

Students performed various kicks, punches and katas to earn their belts. Along with basic moves and self defense, history played a role in the level of rank awarded to each student.

"I want my students to learn about history and respect, not just fighting techniques," Memoli said. "It is putting mind, body, and spirit all into effect."

According to Memoli, martial means "military way," relating to, or like war, suitable for a warrior.

"The ability to defend yourself with hand-to-hand combat is needed in every war, including this one," Memoli said.

Memoli said there are eight codes that the new students are trying to grasp, such as the manner of drinking and spitting is either hard or soft. To represent either meeting challenges head on, or finding a way around them.

He said Isshin-Ryu is a combination of Shorin-Ryu and Goju-Ryu karate styles and is often described as the school of one heart way.

Besides learning a new skill, many of the students find the class a great stress reliever. The Isshin-Ryu students are able to raise their energy levels and forget about the deployment for a brief moment as they focus on mastering the proficiency of each strike, kick, and block-



*Capt. Robert Richardson, from Greenfield, Ind., a military intelligence officer with the 593rd Corps Support Group, prepares for his belt test.*

ing move.

"It's good to feel that I've accomplished something worthwhile in Iraq," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Quinton, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 593rd Corps Support Group, who earned his orange belt.

"The training brings balance to the deployment," said Capt. Jennifer Healy, the JAG Officer for the 593rd CSG after earning her double belt promotion by skipping the orange belt and receiving a yellow belt.

Healy, a first time student of martial arts, enjoyed the classes taught by Memoli and encouraged her husband at Fort Lewis, Wash. to get involved in the sport.

"It's nice to have something to share, it makes me feel closer to him, and we can continue training when I get home," she said.

Isshin-ryu karate was founded in Okinawa during 1954 and has been taught to American Marines ever since.

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# ARMY RESERVE

## It's not your everyday job.



# Metal techs spark airpower over Iraq

by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson

332d Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq** -- Dirty-fisted and in a shower of sparks, Senior Airman Chris Redman helps shape the face of airpower in Iraq.

Airman Redman, a metals technician assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, proves his mettle here welding, heat-treating, fabricating and assembling metal components to support Balad Air Base, including the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"The jet-based work is some of the most important work we have," said Airman Redman, deployed from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. "When a jet has to get off the ground, it has to get off the ground."

The five metal technicians assigned here are a small but vital component; it is the integrity of their work that enables maintainers to move their jets out of the chocks and into the skies over Iraq.

Their blackened knuckles and palms are the result of the hands-on production their craft requires, which Airman Redman calls a "wide range of work."

The range includes the diverse airframes that fly through Balad, from C-17s to Predators. Metal technicians often rely on their own ingenuity to fabricate parts that might otherwise have to be ordered for aircraft, from

bolts to bulkhead fittings.

But the technicians aren't limited to Air Force airframes in the joint environment of Balad AB and Logistics Support Area Anaconda.

"Right now, I'm welding brackets for (Army) helicopter blades," said Senior Airman Daniel Lindsay, a Guardsman deployed from Joe Foss Field, S.D. "The different kinds of customers we have definitely keeps us busy."

The job isn't always Falcons and flying things; their welding, brazing and soldering talents are sought by many units at Balad.

"These Airmen accomplish various projects which help units meet mission needs," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Bertrand, 332nd EMXS metal technology night shift supervisor, who is deployed from the 114th Fighter Wing, S.D. "Many of these units need things they had at home station and don't have here, and they come to us to fabricate these items."

Metal technicians have fashioned work stations for radar approach and control and blast plates for explosive ordnance disposal technicians. These jobs were additional to the typical requirements coming in from aerospace ground equipment, armament, ammunition and maintenance units.

"It's a lot of work," Airman Redman said. "But when I'm in it, it's just me and my spark, just me and my weld."



Senior Airman Chris Redman, 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron metals technician, cuts a piece of diamond-plate steel with a plasma cutter. Metals technicians require a proficiency on many different metals to fabricate and repair parts for aircraft.



Senior Airman Daniel Lindsay, a Guardsman deployed from Joe Foss Field, S.D., uses a drill press at the metals technology shop.

## Legal Eagle's Tip of the Week

**Article 31 of the U.C.M.J. gives military servicemembers the right to not make a statement when being investigated for misconduct by their command, MPs or CID. The UCMJ has strong protections built in to protect an individual's rights. Please contact the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service Central Field Office located at LSA Anaconda at DSN 829-2267 if you have any questions about your rights as a servicemember.**

Photos by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson



# Live from Iraq: Online database, satellite service offers front line information for public and military



Photo by Sgt. Gary A. Witte  
Spc. Bryan Tull, 210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, makes final adjustments to the digital satellite before uploading a live video feed to a national television show.

by Sgt. Gary A. Witte

## Anaconda Times Staff Writer

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** – Satellite technology is providing the public with another source for fresh news from the battlefield – the military itself.

The Digital Video Imagery Distribution System, a 24-hour Department of Defense program based in Atlanta, Ga., provides an online database of thousands of articles, photos and video stories about servicemembers and the job they do. It has also allowed deployed Soldiers to conduct high-quality live interviews with their hometown media.

In some cases, DVIDS has even provided these troops a means to talk to their families.

Spc. Lacy Hennessy, and her twin sister, Spc. Morgan Hennessy are administrative specialists for A Co., 1/34<sup>th</sup> Brigade Troops Battalion. The sisters were being interviewed by KTC Channel 10 from Rochester, Minn. recently when their father joined in the conversation.

“It was good to hear from him and have

him be able to see us,” Lacy Hennessy said. “I thought it was really cool ... Everyone was pretty excited about it in our hometown.”

The program can also market high quality photos and current stories done by military journalists to the media. Previously, the work of military journalists was not easily available to everyone.

Now these stories and military publications like the Anaconda Times can be found on the Internet at [www.dvidshub.net](http://www.dvidshub.net). The site allows servicemembers, units and the public to do automatic searches for these articles at no cost.

Recently, the system web site showed a database of more than 23,000 videos, 6,400 stories and more than 1,000 military publications. DVIDS also coordinates holiday greetings and special events involving those Servicemembers deployed to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

For the live television interviews, the system can broadcast from almost anywhere the equipment is moved to. Just in the past six months, DVIDS has been a conduit for nearly 60 live interviews.

## Country singer, Brian Stace, to visit Oct. 17

Proud to be able to live out his American dream, the blue-eyed country singer, Brian Stace will share his passion for music in a live performance for the American troops Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., at the Sustainer Theater.

The example of his rise to stardom is inspirational. He speaks the language of the working men and women, who are the backbone of America, and this includes the military.

Growing up in rural Wisconsin, the urban cowboy kept his secret love for country music alive in his heart but hidden from the world as he kissed farming goodbye and headed west to California.

After nearly a decade of success as a self-made entrepreneur, Stace unleashed what he describes as a ball of fire. He bared his soul to the world through his sassy lyrics expressing himself with a powerful and beautiful voice. His talent as a country music singer drives audiences wild.

On his own and in just a few months, this Urban Cowboy cut his first album, “Country Music Ain’t Noise Pollution.” This record received airplay all over the U.S.



and as far as Europe. With this, Stace put together a team of professionals in Nashville to record and release another record. Two Monkeys Productions Kent Wells and Tony Smith, who work with many top artists including Dolly Parton, produced his newest one, titled “Blue Eyed Bad Boy,” in Nashville.

His first single off the album quickly flew up the charts and was very well received all over the country. He has appeared on hundreds of radio programs and dozens of major television stations. He recently toured for two months traveling more than 10,000 miles on his bus with his full band playing all over the country to promote is music.

He has opened for Junior Brown, Terry Clark, Shooter Jennings, and Daryl Worley. Every show he does, they love him and want him back. Brian has been featured in Music Connection Magazine, Country Weekly and news publications all over the states and Europe.

Brian Stace, the blue eyes of country, is a full package of star quality talent. With syle, drive and professionalism, Stance is an entertainment property primed for success! His story is about the success of the American dream coming true.

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# SAEDA TIP OF THE WEEK

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Spc. Ryan S. Gellner and Staff Sgt. Charles P. Gerrish search items within a foreign national's luggage.



Spc. David A. Dimas, from Washington D.C., assigned to the 864th Adjutant General Replacement Company is performing a body search on a foreign national.

# Iraq's only aerial entry control point keeps base safe

by Spc. KaRonda Fleming

**Anaconda Times Staff Writer**

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** – There is only one Aerial Entry Control Point in Iraq and it's right here on Anaconda.

The mission of the AECP, which was set up July 1 by the 864th Adjutant General Replacement Company, is to search Foreign Nationals and their luggage entering and exiting the base.

"The main purpose of the AECP is to keep LSA Anaconda safe," said Spc. Megan E. Delzer, administrative specialist with the 864th AGRC. "We prevent contraband from coming in."

Any non-U.S. citizen who is flying in as a civilian will be checked by the 864th, said Capt. Daniel C. McTigue, commander of the 864th AGRC.

"We average between 30 and 40 people per hour," he said. "Basically, we have the same things that you would see in an airport. We have a metal detector, a baggage scanner, a bomb sniffing dog, screening tables in which each bag is thoroughly searched by hand, and a personnel search area."

General Order Number 1A outlines what is

not allowed on base and takes precedence over any item in question.

Some of the items that are not allowed include electronics with recordable media, (like laptop computers), compact disc recorders, cassette tapes, photographic equipment, and firearms.

"We weren't sure what security screenings the FNs have been through prior to arriving to Anaconda," McTigue said. "Many of them come from countries like Pakistan, Turkey, and Egypt, in which they were not getting checked to what we consider Army standards."

Delzer said the FNs travel to and from Anaconda only on civilian planes. Once they arrive at the AECP, their paperwork is processed and they wait until the arrival of their plane.

When a plane arrives, all inbound personnel exit the plane to get their luggage searched as the outbound personnel board the plane to go to their final destination, she said.

Delzer said it generally takes about 10 minutes to search a single individual, although it depends on how many bags they have.

The process begins with the FN walking through a body scanner, which detects if metal objects are hidden on the body, she said.

The Soldiers are assisted by Ugandan Secu-

rity Forces. Each FN is then searched hands-on, to further verify they have nothing concealed on their body. Wallets and purses are checked too.

Then the FN's bags are searched by a Soldier or USF specialist.

"Every article of clothing, every pocket, every zipper is checked," Delzer said.

The FN's name, passport number, and company information is updated, as well as any other pertinent information related to their reason for being on Anaconda, she said.

"It helps to have the Ugandan's there to help us," Delzer said. "A lot of them are former police officers and Ugandan Army soldiers. They are well aware of the standards."

"They've pulled security for us and have gone onto the flight line with us, too. They have been able to fill the empty spaces within our unit when we had Soldiers on leave at various times this year."

Since this is the first,

and still the only AECP in Iraq, the Army is going to use this facility as a model for future operations, McTigue said.

If an FN is found with contraband, the item is confiscated and a receipt is given to the individual, he said. The item is then locked away in a container and later taken to the Provost Marshal's Office.

The company may request through the Mayor's Cell for the item, however, a memorandum must be signed with approval before the item is returned to the FN, McTigue said.



Photos by Spc. KaRonda Fleming  
Spc. Everett Davis searches the luggage of Mr. Theo Williams, from Las Vegas, looking for possible contraband.



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# Soldiers, Iraqi engineers building bridges, forming new friendships

story and photos by Spc. KaRonda Fleming

## 50th MRBC partners with the 8th IA engineers

**LSAANACONDA, Iraq**—A civilian company contracted by the U.S. Military built a bridge with Iraqi Army soldiers, literally. The completion of the first bridge-building class, Oct. 3, provides training for Iraqi Engineers.

The Mabey & Johnson Bridge Company along with the Soldiers from the 50th Engineer Multi Role Bridge Company began a bridging class to Iraqi soldiers.

“This is the first class we have ever taught to Iraqis on building a bridge,” said Sgt. Keith J. Bittner, noncommissioned officer for the 50th Engineer Multi Role Bridge Company.

The Iraqi Army’s 8th Infantry Division Engineer Company brought 12 soldiers to the class.

“We are teaching a small portion of their engineer assets on this bridge system so that they can go out and teach their units on how to build,” Bittner said.

Soldiers with the 50th MRBC, who are attached to the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), demonstrate various operations on building a bridge while the Iraqis watch, said Mr. Alan Pearson, training officer for Mabey & Johnson.

Pearson said soon after each demonstration, the Iraqis then duplicate what was taught on the other side of the bridge.

“We want the Iraqi engineers to have the basic knowledge of maintaining and installing the Mabey Johnson Bridge,” said Maj. Joseph Snel, civil affairs operations officer with the 411th Engineer Brigade from New Windsor, N.Y.

“Our goal in training the Iraqi’s is to help them become self sufficient to provide the engineer services for their country,” Snel said. “We are not here to do it for them rather to help them accomplish it first with our oversight and guidance, then without any assistance.”

The training will help the Iraqis to maintain and possibly put bridges in their own area of operation in Diwali, said Spc. Kevin J. Offutt, a crew member with the 50th EMRBC, whose hometown is Fairmont, W.V.

“They are eager to learn and are willing to take the tools right out of our hands,” Offutt said. “They want to do it themselves and be right there on it. They want to take part and learn. They’ve already got half the bridge built and it’s only the second day.”

They are not allowed to work all day, so the training classes begin at 7 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m., Pearson said. This was a slightly shortened course due to the holy month of Ramadan.

Normally, the class takes six days to complete, however, because of Ramadan, the classes were shortened, he said. The Iraqis eat their breakfast very early in the morning and can only drink water throughout the day.

The Iraqi soldiers thanked the military for offering the class.

“I am very happy to come here and take this course. The U.S. Forces started this class to train the Iraqi Army so that we could develop our skills on building bridges,” one Iraqi soldier said with the help of a translator,

The last day of training concluded with an awards ceremony for the outstanding achievements of Multi National Corps-Iraq and the Mabey & Johnson Bridge Construction.

The Iraqi soldiers were each given a certificate, which shows that they are qualified to provide expert advice in the construction and placement, inspection and maintenance of the Mabey Johnson Compact 200 Bridge.

It is very important that U.S. Forces continue to work with the Iraqi Army, Snel said.

This is a critical component of the military’s exit strategy from Iraq, he said. The government of Iraq makes requests for global basing strategies, to ensure the country of Iraq becomes free.



Soldiers of the Iraqi Army's 8th Infantry Division Engineer Company attend a class.



Pvt. Kevin Walker walks on top of the nearly finished bridge to help the crane operator connect the chain rope onto the bridge.



Pvt. Kevin Walker, 50th Engineer Multi Role Bridge Company, connects the chain links to the bridge.



Sgt. Keith J. Bittner, the noncommissioned officer in charge for the 50th Engineer Multi Role Bridge Company from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., shows Iraqi Army soldiers how to build and maintain bridges during a class here.



Soldiers of the Iraqi Army's 8th Infantry Division Engineer Company attend a ceremony Oct. 3, as they receive certificates to show their achievements in completing a class that will help the Iraqis become self sufficient to provide the engineer services for their country of Iraq.



Pvt. Kevin W. Walker, 50th Engineer Multi Role Bridge Company, helps an Iraqi soldier to place metal pins into the bridge they are building during a class.



An Iraqi soldier tightens a bolt on the bridge.



## Top 10 ways to ensure you can vote

- (1) Start by contacting your Unit/Embassy/Organization Voting Assistance Officer for help in absentee registration and voting.
- (2) Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for information on the absentee registration and voting process.
- (3) Ensure that you have applied for your absentee ballot using the hard copy or on-line versions of the FPCA.
- (4) Make sure your local election official has your current mailing address.
- (5) Sign and date all election materials.
- (6) Fulfill your state’s witness/notary requirements (if required).
- (7) Ensure that your ballot or FPCA is postmarked.
- (8) Register to vote and request your ballot in a timely manner - not later than September.
- (9) VOTE - mail your ballot not later than October 15th of the election year.
- (10) Use the Federal Write In Absentee Ballot if you are overseas and your State absentee ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the state’s deadline.

## Unit Voting Assistance Officers

UNIT	DSN	CONTACT NAME
13th SC(E)	829-1424	1st. Lt. Daniel Robinson
411 Eng. Bde.	829-2820	Staff Sgt. Debra Fulk
36th CAB	829-2473	Sgt. 1st Class Kelli S. Essoufi
164th CSG	829-1927	Capt. Seth Goldstein
657th ASG	829-1834	Sgt. 1st Class Zosima Richards

Anaconda Safety Tip:

Driving in the Rain

Preventative measures for operating vehicles on wet or dust-slick roads:

Skids:

You can prevent skids by driving slowly, especially on turns.

Steer and brake with a light touch. When you need to stop or slow, do not brake hard or lock the wheels and risk a skid.

If you do find yourself in a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the gas, and steer in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go. For vehicles without anti-lock brakes, avoid using your brakes.

Hydroplaning:

Hydroplaning happens when the water in front of your tires builds up faster than your vehicle’s weight can push it out of the way. The water pressure causes your vehicle to rise up and slide on a thin layer of water between your tires and the road.

To avoid hydroplaning, keep your tires properly inflated, maintain good tread on your tires, and replace them when necessary. Slow down when roads are wet, and stay away from puddles.

If you find yourself hydroplaning, do not brake or turn suddenly. This could throw your vehicle into a skid.

Ease your foot off the gas until the vehicle slows and you can feel the road again. If you need to brake, do it gently with light pumping actions.

The bottom line:

A defensive driver adjusts his or her speed to the wet road conditions in time to avoid having to use any of these measures.

# Questions&Answers

In What Elections May I Vote?

Generally, all U.S. citizens 18 years or older who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election for Federal office. In addition, all members of the uniformed services, their family members and members of the Merchant Marine and their family members, who are U.S. citizens, may vote absentee in Federal, state and local elections.

How do I register to vote, or apply for an absentee ballot?

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is accepted by all states and territories as an application for registration and for absentee ballot. The FPCA is postage-paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System, and State Department Pouch mail. An online version of the FPCA is available at the FVAP website, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

Registration requirements vary from state to state. States and territories allow voters to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting a single FPCA during the election year.

How do I complete the FPCA? Where do I send my FPCA?

Chapter 3 of the guide outlines absentee voting procedures for each state and territory. Complete the FPCA according to the requirements for your state or territory of legal voting residence.

When is the best time to apply for an absentee ballot?

Generally, the FPCA used only to request a ballot should be received by election officials at least 45 days before election day to allow ample time to process the request and mail the ballot. FVAP recommends submitting an FPCA in January of each year.

When should I receive my ballot?

Under normal circumstances, most states and territories begin mailing ballots to citizens 30-45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before the election, contact FVAP’s Ombudsman Service. They will assist you in determining the status of your ballot. Always execute and return your absentee ballot regardless of when you receive it.

What is the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)?

UOCAVA voters may be able to use a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) available through Voting Assistance Officers at military installations or at U.S. embassies/consulates.

THE ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER MUST:

1. Be absent from his/her voting residence;

2. Have applied for a regular ballot early enough so the request is received by the appropriate local election official not later than the State deadline; or the date that is 30 days before the general election; **AND**

3. Have not received the requested regular absentee ballot from the state.

THE CITIZEN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES MUST:

1. Be located outside the United States (including APO/FPO addresses);

2. Have applied for a regular ballot early enough so the request is received by the appropriate local election official not later than the State deadline; or the date that is 30 days before the general election; **AND**

3. Have not received the requested regular absentee ballot from the state.

Where is my “legal voting residence?”

For voting purposes, your “legal voting residence” can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or the state or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence. Even though you may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines your proper district, ward, precinct or parish for voting purposes. To claim a new legal residence you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence. Military and family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations or they may retain their legal residence without change. Family members may have a different legal voting residence from the member. A JAG officer or legal counsel should be consulted before legal residence is changed because there are usually other factors that should be considered besides voting.

My family members are not in the military; can they also vote absentee?

The law entitles eligible family members of military personnel to vote absentee. Family members are considered to be in the same category of absentee voter as military members and generally should follow the same procedures.



# Election Dates

This chart lists the 2006 State primary election dates in all the States, Territories, and the District of Columbia; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate and Governor races; and the number of U.S. Representative seats up for reelection.

***The General Election is Tuesday, November 7, 2006***

State	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	GENERAL ELECTION		
			FEDERAL		Governor
			U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative	
Alabama	June 6	June 27	No	7	Yes
Alaska	August 22	—	No	1	Yes
American Samoa	—	November 21	—	1 Delegate	No
Arizona	September 12	—	Yes	8	Yes
Arkansas	May 23	June 13	No	4	Yes
California	June 6	—	Yes	53	Yes
Colorado	August 8	—	No	7	Yes
Connecticut	August 8	—	Yes	5	Yes
Delaware	September 12	—	Yes	1	No
District of Columbia	September 12	—	—	1 Delegate	Mayor
Florida	September 5	—	Yes	25	Yes
Georgia	July 18	August 8	No	13	Yes
Guam	September 2	November 7	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Hawaii	September 23	—	Yes	2	Yes
Idaho	May 23	—	No	2	Yes
Illinois	March 21	—	No	19	Yes
Indiana	May 2	—	Yes	9	No
Iowa	June 6	—	No	5	Yes
Kansas	August 1	—	No	4	Yes
Kentucky	May 16	—	No	6	No
Louisiana	November 7	December 9	No	7	No
Maine	June 13	—	Yes	2	Yes
Maryland	September 12	—	Yes	8	Yes
Massachusetts	September 19	—	Yes	10	Yes
Michigan	August 8	—	Yes	15	Yes
Minnesota	September 12	—	Yes	8	Yes
Mississippi	June 6	June 27	Yes	4	No
Missouri	August 8	—	Yes	9	No
Montana	June 6	—	Yes	1	No
Nebraska	May 9	—	Yes	3	Yes
Nevada	August 15	—	Yes	3	Yes
New Hampshire	September 12	—	No	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 6	—	Yes	13	No
New Mexico	June 6	—	Yes	3	Yes
New York	September 12	—	Yes	29	Yes
North Carolina	May 2	May 30	No	13	No
North Dakota	June 13	—	Yes	1	No
Ohio	May 2	—	Yes	18	Yes
Oklahoma	July 25	August 22	No	5	Yes
Oregon	May 16	—	No	5	Yes
Pennsylvania	May 16	—	Yes	19	Yes
Puerto Rico	—	—	—	—	No
Rhode Island	September 12	—	Yes	2	Yes
South Carolina	June 13	June 27	No	6	Yes
South Dakota	June 6	June 20	No	1	Yes
Tennessee	August 3	—	Yes	9	Yes
Texas	March 7	April 11	Yes	32	Yes
Utah	June 27	—	Yes	3	No
Vermont	September 12	—	Yes	1	Yes
Virginia	June 13	—	Yes	11	No
Virgin Islands	September 11	September 25	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Washington	September 19	—	Yes	9	No
West Virginia	May 9	—	Yes	3	No
Wisconsin	September 12	—	Yes	8	Yes
Wyoming	August 22	—	Yes	1	Yes

This election information is current as of August 2005. Contact your Voting Assistance Officer or check the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.



# Smoke-free in Iraq

by Karen Fleming-Michael

**CAMP STRIKER, Iraq** -- Quitting smoking was the last thing Master Sgt. David Dulen expected to do when he deployed to Iraq in September.

The pack-a-day smoker for more than 20 years had considered quitting many times, but his "smoke 'em if you got 'em" habit endured — until his wife quit last year.

"I kind of had an incentive then, or maybe it was just a challenge from my wife," he wrote in an e-mail from Camp Striker, near Baghdad. "The opportunity to quit while deployed to Iraq never crossed my mind; in fact, I told my wife that I would have to wait until after the deployment to start a smoke-free life."

Long periods of downtime between missions — and readily available, low-cost cigarettes — present a dilemma for anyone wanting to quit while deployed, said Capt. Amy Jackson, a physician assistant at Camp Striker.

However, a few Soldiers at the camp of 4,500 troops helped start Dulen on the road to being smoke free when they asked Jackson about a smoking-cessation program.

None was available, so she started one.

"These guys were asking for something that I'm supposed to offer them as a provider," she said. "I thought it was awesome that they asked."

In designing the four-week program, Jackson used every possible tactic to help smokers quit. Soldiers can receive nicotine patches, gum and prescription drugs to help them starve off the symptoms of nicotine withdrawal. They attend classes on stress management, relaxation and the health benefits of quitting. They can also turn to Jackson and medics for suggestions on how to cope when nicotine cravings come.

"I encourage them to drink more water, play games on their smoke breaks, take a walk around their work areas, exercise, read their smoking-aid handbooks, put a toothpick in their mouths after chow instead of lighting up, and to take up new hobbies like reading or watching movies," she said.

Word of the program spread from buddy to buddy and via information flyers in the dining facility.

Potential quitters can stop by the camp's medical-aid station any time during the day to enroll in the program. So far, 53 smokers have joined. Sixteen smokers who used tobacco for 203 years, collective-

ly, quit for good; eight of them had smoked for more than 10 years.

Dulen quit Dec. 6. He expected to have withdrawal symptoms — and he did — so he sucked on hard candy and chewed a lot of gum, but not the nicotine kind, because he hated the taste. He also used the prescription aids.

"I used the patches and the pills religiously. I wanted to stay with whatever the program said to do," said Dulen.

Twenty-six Soldiers didn't stick with the program, often bailing at the two or three-month mark. Jackson thinks they'll quit eventually.

"When I started the program, many of my peers told me not to be discouraged if the program wasn't a success, given our environment, mission and stress level," she said. "I am very pleased with the outcome and am still hopeful for those who attended the course, knowing that the seed has been planted and they may always try again to quit."

Jackson plans to follow up with her quitters once they return to the States, to see how they're managing during a time when they may be tempted to smoke.

"Getting back into the 'old routine' may include smoking in the car that they used to smoke in before they deployed," Jackson said. "There will be some nights out on the town, and alcohol and tobacco go hand in hand. If their spouses smoke, it will be difficult to avoid the temptation to smoke, too. A support system that includes a spouse or friends is what may get them past the adjustment period to avoid slipping into old habits."

Jackson's work has made a real difference, said Maj. Edward McDaniel, a doctor at Camp Striker.

"Many Soldiers have come to me saying that she has given them a new lease on life" he said. "These Soldiers want to return home to their families happier and healthier. No doubt this is a huge challenge, but many are up to the task."

Dulen said he's through with cigarettes. "I no longer have the desire to smoke," he said. "I have my days where I think I am a little stressed and say, 'Boy, I could use a cigarette,' but I don't smoke, so I believe that I will be smoke free the remainder of my life."

## A job well done



*Ugandan Security Force Specialists Tom Okello, Steven Rachkara, and Charles Ngendahimana (from closest to farthest), stand at attention as they receive awards Sept. 28 for outstanding service since their arrival at LSA Anaconda. Okello, an entry control/ vehicle checkpoint sentry, assisted with numerous Foreign National personnel searches, non-tactical vehicle identifications, and facial recognitions that resulted in no reported incidents during his shifts. Rachkara and Ngendahimana, both medical center and Host National/ detainee sentries, were awarded for exceptional service watching over their charges. The Ugandan troops, who arrived at Anaconda in July, took the place of Soldiers who had previously guarded entry points such as dining facilities, gyms, and post exchanges. The security force specialists were issued the awards on account of repeated praise by U.S. Soldiers on their performance. Such awards are not commonplace, but are given by Special Operation Consulting, the Ugandan's employers, when merited. (Photo by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown.)*

# 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



# Soldiers teach medical logistics to Iraqi counterparts



Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Porter of Wichita Falls, Texas, answers questions from a visiting Iraqi official.

by Sgt. Gary A. Witte

## Anaconda Times Staff Writer

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** – Soldiers need bandages to bind wounds and doctors need medicine to heal infections, making medical supplies an essential tool for the new Iraqi army.

Two top officials with Iraq’s Surgeon General’s Office recently attended a two-day class at the Medical Logistics Warehouse here to learn the U.S. Army’s methods for supplying troops.

Capt. Kevin Lester, who is in charge of medical logistics for the Multi-National

Security Transitional Command Iraq, said the classes gave the officials ideas for ways they can improve their supply chains.

“It’s to give them an understanding of medical logistics systems,” he said. “Without health care ... It can severely hurt units.”

The two officials, a man and a woman, were provided a tour of the facility Aug. 30 by the 226th Multifunctional Medical Battalion. The unit from Miesau, Germany, is redeploying this month and being replaced by the 32nd Multi-functional Medical Battalion from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Both Iraqi officials asked detailed ques-

tions about the methods used for medical supply storage and the standardization Soldiers use to keep track of the items stored in the large warehouse. They also discussed how some of methods could be adapted for their country.

The man, an officer with the Iraqi Army, said his government still lacks technology and personnel with the needed computer skills to completely implement an American-like system.

“We can’t apply all your ideas to our Army yet. We’re just trying to focus on the most needy areas,” he said. “It will be a long process.”

During one class, Maj. David R. Gibson, the battalion executive officer, explained many of the principles of military logistics for the guests, stressing the need for a simple and flexible system.

He noted that consistency, accuracy, predictability, speed, and in particular, accountability, are all needed for a military logistics program.

“We make sure to keep track of everything that comes in,” Gibson said.

The woman, who is a doctor, said she would like to train her staff like the U.S. Army and have similar warehouses, pointing out many of the techniques she learned during the tour.

“The coalition forces bring very good civilization to Iraq,” she said.



Spc. Richard H. Deane of Decatur, Ga., with the 226th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, answers questions from a visiting Iraqi official.

CENTAF PRESENTS:

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The popular music ensemble from the  
**Air Force Band of the West**  
from Lackland AF Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.  
H6 Recreation Center

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## How did You Do?

# Oct. 4 Puzzle Answers

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**October 11****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.

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 12****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

# ANACONDA ACTIVITIES

Your one-stop connection to activities around LSA Anaconda  
to add your activity to the event calendar, email [anaconda.times@balad.iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:anaconda.times@balad.iraq.centcom.mil)

**Battlefield Ground**

8 p.m.

East Rec Center

**October 13****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 14****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 15****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 16****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

**October 17**

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 18****Aerobics**

6 a.m. and 5:30 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

**One-Hour Swim-A-Thon**

Two-Person Teams

5:30 a.m.

Outdoor Pool

**Jam Session**

8 p.m.

West Recreation Center



# WOMEN & MEN INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

STARTS NOV. 6

TEAMS SIGN UP AT MAIN GYM FROM OCT. 1-24

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OPEN TO THE FIRST 24 TEAMS



ANACONDA CROSSWORD "U.S. PLACES"

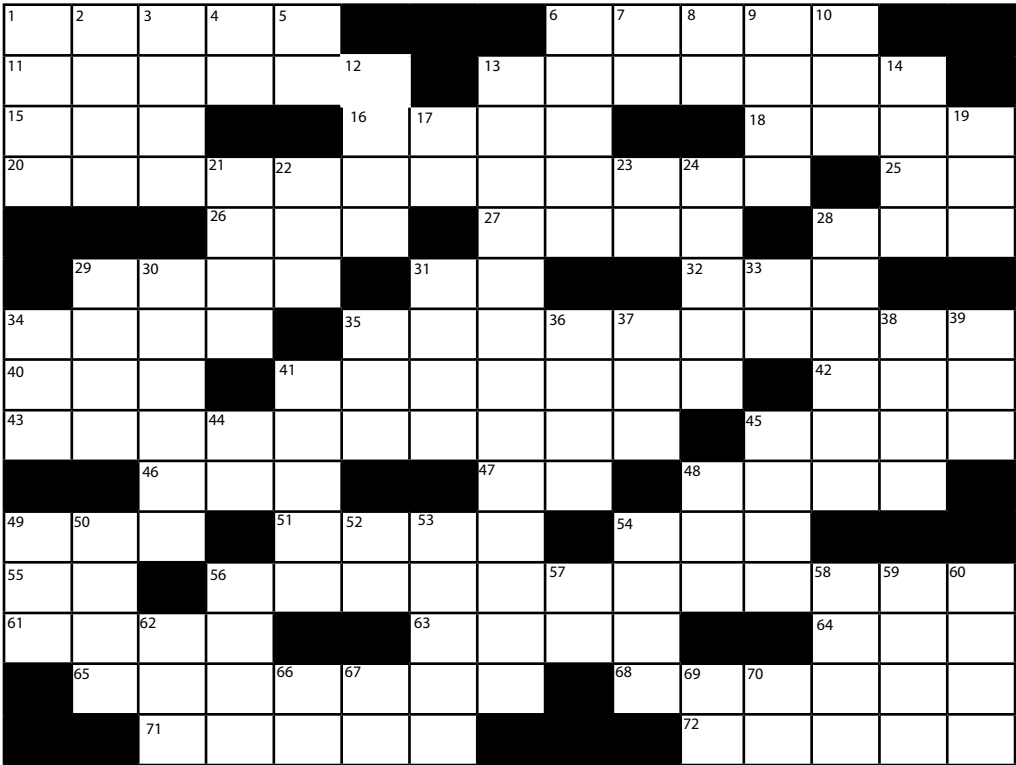
Across

1. Resort in Colorado  
6. The witch project town  
11. It completes Des  
13. This capital is located on the Pearl River  
15. Chicago loop trains  
16. Commoner, commonly  
18. Bit of information  
20. World famous tourist attraction  
25. And then  
26. Frigid  
27. Norse God of Peace and Prosperity  
28. Celebrated Cobra  
29. The Jackson 5 hail from this Indiana town  
31. Apostrophic ending to "I"  
32. Character on "The Addams Family" (TV)  
34. Aquatic bird  
35. It was incorporated in 1871 and its name was taken from a great steel-making center in England  
40. Time period  
41. Michigan's capital  
42. Rock group that's often mentioned by this acronym  
43. It was Alabama's capital from 1826 until 1846 when Montgomery became the new capital  
45. Create a sweater  
46. King Arthur's foster brother  
47. Locale of Yellowknife, briefly  
48. Word with Virginia  
49. In the character of  
51. Long narrative poem  
54. Rand the Writer  
55. Solfa Syllable  
56. Massachusetts resort town on the tip of Cape Cod  
61. Island of Hawaii  
63. Skin Scratch  
64. Fifties music style: \_\_\_\_-Wop  
65. Chocolate town in Pennsylvania

68. Mark Twain is buried here  
71. Tourists also visit this Island when checking out the Statue of Liberty  
72. Witchcraft Trials locale of 1692

Down

1. Prayer ender  
2. Ancient metropolis of Cilicia  
3. Tuscany's Tower  
4. Fencer's warning: " \_\_\_\_ garde!"  
5. Symbol for Neon  
6. Children's storybook character: " \_\_\_\_ the Elephant"  
7. Editor's notation for letters  
8. Locale of Juneau on an env.  
9. Goddess of Fertility  
10. Decompose  
12. Agile  
13. Capital of Missouri  
14. Famous Loch  
17. Showbiz town, for short  
19. Floor cleaner  
21. Song from The Beatles album "Rubber Soul" (1965)  
22. Suffix to "Priv"  
23. Pen name of David John Moore Cornwell: John \_\_\_\_ Carré  
24. Telling Tales  
28. The University of Georgia is located here  
29. Spiritual mentor  
30. The Last Frontier  
31. Fermented grape juice  
33. Initials of one of the stars in "Tootsie" (1982)  
34. Acquire  
35. French dance hall where dancing is done to the sound of accordion music: \_\_\_\_ Musette  
36. Natural event on a Spring morning  
37. One Million connector  
38. Dismounted



39. Witticism: Bon \_\_\_\_  
41. Word with Ozone  
44. The Golden State, for short  
45. In Ohio, it was the locale of a student Vietnam War protest, in 1970  
48. Locale of the 1998 Middle East Peace Talks: \_\_\_\_ River  
49. Something for Something: Quid Pro \_\_\_\_  
50. The Beehive State  
52. River of Italy that flows to the Adriatic Sea  
53. Climbing plants  
54. Persistent Pain  
56. Certain stitch  
57. It became one of the original Thirteen Colo-

- nies in 1789, for short  
58. French artist and lithographer: \_\_\_\_ on Redon (b.1840 - d.1916)  
59. Was dressed in  
60. Chomsky the Linguist  
62. Variety Show: " \_\_\_\_ Haw" (TV)  
66. Initials of the Director of "Malcolm X" (1992)  
67. "Howdy!"  
69. Famed Director of The Actors' Studio in New York City (Initials)  
70. Boston is its capital, for short

SUSTAINER REEL TIME THEATER

(Schedule is subject to change)

- Wednesday, Oct. 11**  
5 p.m. Lady in the Water (PG-13)  
8 p.m. The Ant Bully (PG)
- Thursday, Oct. 12**  
5 p.m. Miami Vice (R)  
8 p.m. Open Season (PG)
- Friday, Oct. 13**  
5 p.m. Talladega Nights (PG-13)  
8:30 p.m. The Marine (PG-13)
- Saturday, Oct. 14**  
5 p.m. Miami Vice (R)  
8 p.m. The Marine (PG-13)
- Sunday, Oct. 15**  
5 p.m. The Marine (PG-13)  
8 p.m. The Ant Bully (PG)
- Monday, Oct. 16**  
5 p.m. Barnyard (PG)  
8 p.m. The Marine (PG-13)
- Tuesday, Oct. 17**  
5 p.m. The Marine (PG-13)  
8 p.m. Zoom (PG)
- Wednesday, Oct. 18**  
5 p.m. Talladega Nights (PG-13)  
8 p.m. Barnyard (PG)

Anaconda Sudoku

Mission:  
Using logic and reasoning you must fill the remaining empty cells in the following 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

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



# Small in numbers, large in success

**864th keeps LSAA personnel coming, going**

story and photos by Spc. KaRonda Fleming

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** - The 864th Adjutant General Replacement Company is responsible for helping thousands of Soldiers every day.

The 864th AGRC, from Oakdale, Pa., has six different sections within their 36-man team.

"We have plenty of people to complete the missions that we have, including during the times our Soldiers are on rest & relaxation," said Capt. Daniel C. McTigue, commander 864th.

There are two 24-hour sections within this unit, including the Aerial Entry Control Point and the Billeting/Morale, Welfare, and Recreation center, McTigue said.

The other sections are headquarters, supply, Destiny Air, and a mechanic section.

The Billeting and MWR section is in charge of helping Soldiers who are going on R&R or on their four-day pass, as well as convoys going in and out of Anaconda, deployments and redeployments.

"We offer internet access and Spawar phones, games, cold beverages, starbucks coffee, cookies, hygiene items, and a mini movie theater," said Sgt. Chris M. Littreal, MWR Internet Café noncommissioned officer with the 864th, whose hometown is Glaxburg, Va.

He said there are 16 computers and eight telephones available.

Within the country of Iraq, there is only one AECP, and it is located here on Anaconda. Its purpose is to search any non-U.S. citizen flying in or out as a civilian, McTigue said.

These non-U.S. citizens, also called foreign nationals, are not allowed to have any contraband with them on flights. They have the same equipment that you would see in airports.

The Destiny Air section has rotary wing flights that come in to and out of Anaconda, said Staff Sgt. Jason R. Molitor, daytime noncommissioned officer in charge.

Molitor said this section is similar to Cat-

fish Air, but on a smaller scale. All of Destiny Air flights originate in Camp Speicher, whereas Catfish Air flights originate here at Anaconda.

"Indirectly we help Catfish, because this is their waiting area and we have coffee, water, movies," Molitor said. "It's kind of like being at an MWR, except without the internet."

Many people would not have the opportunities to relax and enjoy their stay at Anaconda he said, if it were not for the facilities set up by the 864th.

McTigue said the supply section here is a little different from traditional supply sections since they are a replacement company.

"They do the typical mission that any supply sergeant would do; getting equipment, getting supplies, getting our uniforms, but in addition to that, they are responsible for replacement."

"We have medical return to duty Soldiers that come to our area," he said. "If a Soldier is evacuated, they may cut off or destroy his or her uniform or IBA and our supply section is responsible for re-equipping them with new clothing."

They also do Class I support of food and water. The billeting area can house up to 392 people and the Annex can house more than 2,000 people. Therefore, the supply section ensures that pallets of Meals, Ready to Eat and bottled water are fully stocked for everyone, McTigue said.

Within the headquarters section, there is a training NCO, projects NCO, and administrative personnel that take care of all the Sol-



**Sgt. Todd J. Marino talks to the crew chief of the incoming helicopter letting him know the details of the personnel boarding the aircraft.**

diers of the 864th.

"Our HQs take care of the Soldiers in our company," said Sgt. Andrea Sokolowski, administrative NCO, whose hometown is Natrona Heights, Pa.

assuring that all vehicles within the company are in good working conditions.

The 864th is truly a vital asset to the comfort, security, and interest of Soldiers on Anaconda.



**Spc. David A. Dimas, 864th Adjutant General Replacement Company is performing a body search on a Foreign National. Dimas' hometown is Washington, D.C.**



**Staff Sgt. Terri D. Brooks completes the final paperwork for a foreign national.**



**Soldiers enjoy their free time at the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation center's internet cafe at the Billeting/MWR center.**