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Serving Task Force Marne



Here to help



Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.

**Above:** *Spc. Lisa Dueker, a medic with Company C, 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum, N.Y., checks an Iraqi boy's ears during a cooperative medical engagement in Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 12.*

**Right:** *Soldiers from Co. C, 210th BSB and HHB, 2-15th FA Regt., 2/10th Mtn. Div. (LI) from Fort Drum, N.Y., participate in a cooperative medical engagement with the citizens of Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 12.*

## 1-15 Infantry detains five suspected insurgents

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3/3RD INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, detained five individuals early

Sunday morning during a search in the village of Dura'iya.

The unit's mission, according to 1-15 Inf. leaders, was to disrupt key insurgent networks in the battalion's area of operation.

Soldiers searched several houses

for weapons and improvised explosive device-making materials.

The searches resulted in the detention of five individuals and the seizure of one rifle.

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# 'Project Iraqi Kids' makes its way to Iraq

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq — American Legion Post 256 members from Tennessee are supporting the war effort by raising money to purchase school supplies to be distributed to children in Iraq.

The effort, called "Project Iraqi Kids," generates funds to buy school supplies to be shipped to U.S. units in Iraq. Elements of the 1st Cavalry Division and the 3rd Infantry Division will be distributing supplies in late June.

The idea for the project came when a former Company D, 278th Tennessee Army National Guard commander returned from Iraq in February 2006 and spoke to American Legion Post 256

members and the Tellico Village Retired Military Club members about the need to reach out to Iraqi children, according to retired Col. Dick Kolasheski, currently serving as the service officer of the American Legion Post 256.

The ability to reach out to the Iraqi kids and show them the true face of America will do much to determine the success or failure of the mission and the countless sacrifices the Iraqis are making, the company commander said to the American Legion when he returned.

This is the same view that has been reinforced to the service men and women currently in Iraq, Kolasheski said. Kolasheski's son, Lt. Col. John Kolasheski, with 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, is currently serving in Iraqi in

support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V.

"It is a valuable tool to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi (people)," Dick Kolasheski said. "Our contacts with individuals who have served or are serving indicate that kids can be a key to opening doors."

Since its inception, a number of Tennessee's Tellico Village and Rarity Bay area churches and organizations along with contributions from Loudon and Monroe Counties businesses almost \$24,000 has been raised for the cause.

Five thousand soccer uniforms, 100 inflating pumps, 1,000 soccer balls and backpacks were donated to the effort by a Wilmington, Calif., soccer company. New Canaan, Conn., citizens donated over 2,000 stuffed animals. Backpacks will be filled with school supplies and then shipped to units in Iraq. When the materials are received by the units in Iraq, they will be distributed to the local children by the Soldiers conducting combat patrols throughout their respective areas of operation.

"I think we can congratulate ourselves on a job very well done," Dick Kolasheski said. "It would not have happened without all countless people pulling together to get it done."

"This war will not be won by bullets alone, but by efforts that directly address the needs and aspirations of the Iraqi people," Dick Kolasheski said. "This project will give our (Soldiers) additional tools that can be used to establish meaningful ties to an important segment of the Iraqi population, their children."



Courtesy photo

**Members who support Project Iraqi Kids organize school supplies in Tennessee May 31 to be shipped to Iraq and distributed to Iraqi children.**

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Courtesy photos

**Capt. Simon McKenzie, a staff officer in the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, sends a report during operations June 17 as Soldiers of Multi-National Division-Center conducted deliberate search operations southeast of Baghdad to eliminate terrorist sanctuaries.**

Soldiers of the 1-15 Inf. have begun aggressive operations to eliminate insurgent sanctuaries to the southeast of Baghdad as a part of the Multi-National Division Center's Operation Marne Torch. The battalion has conducted three air assault missions in the last 12 days to eliminate or deter destabilizing influences in the region.

"When the enemy chooses not to engage us, in the areas they consider sanctuaries, it shows us that the enemy fears us. It also shows the local population that we will protect them," said 1st Lt. Josh Powers, from Atlanta, Ga., assistant operations officer for 1-15 Inf.

The 1-15 Inf. is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga.

## Georgians join Task Force Marne

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The 31st Georgian Brigade is set to arrive in Iraq this summer, and elements of the brigade are already active under Task Force Marne.

According to Col. Mamuka Bokelavadze, one of the brigade's liaison officers, 2,000 Georgian soldiers will be in the Baghdad area by Aug. 15, with plans to be fully operational by Sep. 20.

The soldiers will be occupying Forward Operating Base Delta, and will have an official transfer of authority from the 33rd Georgian Brigade today.

The 31st includes two infantry battalions, one mortar battalion, one logistics battalion, one reconnaissance battery, an engineer company and a signal company.

Bokelavadze said the brigade will participate in a full spectrum of operations.

Its soldiers will spend three weeks training in Kuwait before arriving in country, and an additional week training at FOB Delta.

There are five LNOs from 31st Georgian Bde. currently in theater, with two working out of the TF Marne headquarters.



**Col. Mamuka Bokelavadze is one of the five 31st Georgian Brigade liaison officers for TF Marne.**

### Safety Thought of the Day

#### Ammunition Information Notice, 120 mm Cartridge

- There are reports from OIF that battlecarried maingun cartridges can become stuck in chamber, including C787 and C791.
- During attempts to remove these stuck rounds, the cartridge is separated at the stub base, the skive joint, or the projectile interface.
- Follow the tank operators technical manual for the safe removal of stuck rounds.
- Do not use extractor tool to remove stuck cartridges.
- Do not use undue force to remove a round.
- If the tactical situation does not allow enough time to properly remove a stuck round, attempt to clear the main gun by firing the round. If the round will not fire, move to a safe location and perform unload stuck round procedures.
- Do not reuse a stuck round extracted from the main gun. Remove from the tank as early as possible and turn in to ASP.
- Do not take ammunition apart for any reason.

# HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

## Ten Commandments for cars: no vrooom! at the inn

PHILIP PULLELLA  
REUTERS

VATICAN CITY — Thou shall not drive under the influence of alcohol. Thou shall respect speed limits. Thou shall not consider a car an object of personal glorification or use it as a place of sin.

The Vatican took a break from strictly theological matters Tuesday to issue its own rules of the road, a compendium of do's and don'ts on the moral aspects of driving and motoring.

A 36-page document called "Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road" contains 10 Commandments covering everything from road rage, respecting pedestrians, keeping a car in good shape and avoiding rude gestures while behind the wheel.

"Cars tend to bring out the 'primitive' side of human beings, thereby producing rather unpleasant results," the document said.

It appealed to what it called the "noble tendencies" of the human spirit, urging

responsibility and self-control to prevent the "psychological regression" often associated with driving.

The document's Fifth Commandment reads: "Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin."

Asked at a news conference when a car became an occasion of sin, Cardinal Renato Martino said "when a car is used as a place for sin."

One part of the document, under the section "Vanity and personal glorification," will not go down well with owners of Ferraris in motor-mad Italy.

"Cars particularly lend themselves to being used by their owners to show off, and as a means for outshining other people and arousing a feeling of envy," it said. It urged readers not to behave in an "unsatisfactory and even barely human manner" when driving and to avoid what it called "unbalanced behavior ... impoliteness, rude gestures, cursing, blasphemy ..."

Praying while driving was encouraged.

Vatican City, the world's smallest sovereign state, doesn't have many of the problems listed in the document.

It has about 1,000 cars, the speed limit is 30 kph and one Vatican official said the last accident inside Vatican City's walls

was about 1-1/2 years ago, resulting in minor damage.

## Saddam's golden gun goes on display

REUTERS

CANBERRA — Saddam Hussein was truly the man with the golden gun. And to prove it, Australia has put the weapon on display at its war museum.

Australia went to war in Iraq to remove Saddam's weapons and still maintains forces in and around the Middle Eastern country.

On Monday, the Australian War Memorial accepted a golden Tabuk rifle -- the Iraqi equivalent of the AK-47 -- from the Australian military, which in turn received it from allied U.S. troops in thanks for taking part in the Iraq war.

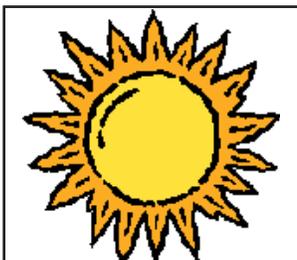
"This weapon is an example of the excesses of the former Iraqi regime under Saddam Hussein," the Memorial's Assistant Director Nola Anderson said.

The rifle was found by American soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during the clearance of buildings around Kirkuk, in northern Iraq.

## Marne Weather Watch

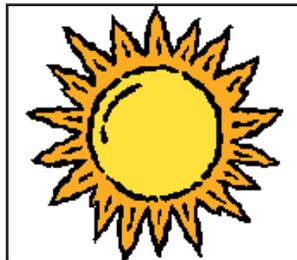
Wednesday, June 20

Thursday, June 21



Sunny

Low: 84F/High: 111F



Sunny

Low: 84F/High: 111F

## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

No talking

*bell-leh kell-lahm*

## Sudoku

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

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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