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## Casing the Colors

Col. David W. Sutherland and Command Sgt. Maj. Donald R. Felt, commander and command sergeant major of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, case the brigade colors during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baqouba, Iraq, Nov. 27.

## Troops Visit Two Southern Baghdad Schools

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BAGHDAD – Despite being on the ground a month, the 4-64th Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, currently operating in the southern region of the Iraqi capital attached to

the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., has hit the ground running.

The "Tuskers" continued their efforts to improve the life of Iraqi citizens, visiting two schools in the Saydiyah neighborhood, Nov. 26

The improvements in the Sunni neighborhood are important to Harker Heights,

Texas, native Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, commander of the 4th IBCT.

"I want to be sure the government is taking care of all the people," Gibbs said.

With students lined up outside holding welcome signs, the Soldiers first stopped by

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## Soldiers Deliver Learning Supplies to Two Baghdad City Schools

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the National Reconciliation High School for a ribbon-cutting ceremony which marked the reopening of the school.

Inside the school for 220 students, which stands away from the city, is new paint, glass windows, and electrical wiring. The renovation of the school was the result of efforts by the "Tuskers" and the "Vanguards" of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT, 1st Inf. Div., which redeployed home to Germany earlier this month.

Smiling school girls gathered in groups outside and asked the Soldiers in broken English, "What's your name?"

One Soldier said he was able to see the results of his hard work.

"It makes you feel good because you see how they were before, and the better the area gets the better it makes you feel because it means you are doing your job," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Haynsworth, a native of Lake Wales, Fla., and member of



(Photo by Cpl. Ben Washburn, 4-1 Inf. Div. Public Affairs)

**Harker Heights, Texas native Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st. Infantry Division, hands backpacks to school girls at the National Reconciliation High School in southern Baghdad, Nov. 26.**

Company C, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment.

Just a short walk from the National Reconciliation High School sits the Ishtar Elementary School, tucked away in a block of buildings, providing stark contrast to the stand-alone campus of the larger school yards

away.

Again, Soldiers were met outside by the student body and the school administrators. The Soldiers greeted many of the students outside, shook their hands, and communicated with universal hand gestures.

The children received new

backpacks from the Soldiers as a sign of friendship.

"We've made friends with the people in the area, which in doing so has drawn the fighters and terrorists from the area," Haynsworth said.

With Iraqi National Police present in this Sunni neighborhood, Iraqi Security Volunteers assisting with security and Coalition Forces working with local leaders, the area is a symbol of the transformation that is taking place all across Baghdad.

"Before, the INP couldn't come in here; now that we're friends, there's no problem with the Shia and the INP coming down here in this area," Haynsworth said.

The opening of the school is a result of the increased security in the area. The citizens are safer, he added.

"When we came here I believe it was May, June, time-frame," he said. "Since then, we've not had one small arms fire incident from this area here, period. No improvised explosive strikes, no small arms fire."

### Arabic Phrase of the Day

*khubuz*

**Defined:**  
bread (flat)

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today

High: 68  
Low: 45



Tomorrow

High: 66  
Low: 48



Saturday

High: 70  
Low: 45

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# Artillerymen Celebrate St. Barbara in Baghdad

By Spc. Elvyn Nieves  
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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq –  
The 1st Cavalry Division and

the 138th Fires Brigade,  
Kentucky Army National  
Guard, conducted a tradition-  
al Saint Barbara's induction  
ceremony at the Al-Faw

Palace here, Nov. 23.

More than 130 Soldiers  
and guests attended the cere-  
mony, a traditional among  
artillerymen, where 21 new

members were inducted into  
the Order of St. Barbara. The  
effects coordinator for Multi-  
National Corps –Iraq, Brig.  
Gen. Mark McDonald, was the  
guest speaker.

“We’re fighting a Global  
War on Terror,” said  
McDonald. “Terrorists want  
to change the way we live.  
They don’t want your family  
to live free. Your efforts here  
are helping to keep our coun-  
try free and families safe.”

Two fallen Soldiers, Pvt.  
Sammie Phillips and Staff  
Sgt. Delmar White, were  
posthumously inducted into  
the order and recognized for  
their performance and com-  
mitment.

Due to Saint Barbara’s  
tie with lightning, she has  
been invoked for protection  
against the dangers of light-  
ning and fire, and by associa-  
tion, she became the patron  
saint of artillerymen.



(Photo by Spc. Elvyn Nieves, 113th MPAD)

**Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division and 138th Fires Brigade are inducted into the Order of St. Barbara in the Al-Faw Palace at Camp Victory in western Baghdad, Nov. 23. Due to St. Barbara’s association with lightning, she has been invoked for protection against the dangers of lightning and fire, and by association, she became the patron saint of artillerymen.**



(Photo by Spc. Nathaniel Smith, 4-1 Div. Public Affairs)

## Breaking Bread

Spc. Ben Jones, an  
infantryman with Company  
A, 2nd Battalion, 12th  
Infantry Regiment, 2nd  
Brigade Combat Team, 2nd  
Infantry Division from  
Chambersburg, Pa., eats  
lunch with an Iraqi Army  
counterpart after a joint  
patrol in southern  
Baghdad's Doura region,  
Nov. 26. The 2-12 Inf.  
'Warriors,' who have been  
attached to the 4th Infantry  
BCT, 1st Inf. Div. out of Fort  
Riley, Kan., are scheduled  
to redeploy to Fort Carson,  
Colo., next month.

# 'Black Jack Runway' Models Show Off the Latest to Fashion-Starved Troops

By Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim  
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FORWARD OPERATING BASE PROSPERITY, Iraq – After months of preparation and waiting for Internet-ordered outfits and accessories to be delivered, the Black Jack Runway cast and crew finally put on their highly anticipated performance on in front of a standing-room-only audience at the Black Jack Bistro Dining Facility here, Nov. 22.

“I want [people] to come to the show and feel like they have transported themselves into a location unknown – other than Iraq, and have a good time,” said Wichita Falls, Texas Capt. Courtney Gary, the assistant logistics officer for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. “I think this is important because one: it’s the holidays, and we don’t get to spend it at home with our families ... so spending it with our extended families in a good environment, I think that makes it a big deal.”

The master and mistress of ceremony, Maj. Michael Duck and Capt. Ebony Thomas, introduced all 18 models through three different wardrobe changes. Each model was tasked with choosing two outfits they had to buy and another they had to make from local purchases. The project had a behind-the-scenes crew of more than 30 Soldiers who helped build the catwalk, served as hair and make-up artists, disc jockey and set coordinators.

In between outfit changes, there were musical performances from the Haifa Street Project Band, Black Jack Idol winner, Pfc. Daniel Jens of 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, and 15th Brigade Support Battalion’s Spc. Marco Sanchez.

For one of the models, Staff Sgt. Pejetta Thomas, getting the chance to showcase her modeling talent was simply “fun,” but getting to feel like a lady



(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim, 2-1 Cav. Div. Public Affairs)

**Maj. Latisha Wayne (left) and Staff Sgt. Jason Angeles, both from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, walk down the catwalk during the Black Jack Runway at the Black Jack Bistro Dining Facility, Forward Operating Base Prosperity in central Baghdad, Nov. 22.**

was the best part.

“It’s like getting ready for a wedding,” said the brigade’s mailroom non-commissioned officer-in-charge. “I get to put on clothes and act like a lady. We wear boots every day. [With this] we get to shave our legs and act like a lady for a while.”

According to one of the models, Maj. Latisha Wayne, who is a 2nd BCT Plans officer, the night was supposed to not only satisfy that, but also to showcase some of the fashion trends the Soldiers may be unaware of after their 15-month deployment.

“A lot of us have put a lot of time and money as far as buying outfits – trying to make sure we have something to show all the Soldiers here what we are

going to wear when we get back to the states,” said the Chicago native.

Capt. Tev Skinner, HHC, 15th BSB’s Supply and Services officer from Washington D.C., said he decided to be a model simply because he was asked to by the event’s coordinators.

“I never thought I’d be doing this,” he said. “Hey, I just will go out and have a good time.”

The show proved to be successful, with audience members such as Col. Bryan Roberts, the 2nd BCT commander, calling the show was “fantastic.”

“There were a lot of beautiful models with a lot of talent ... great performance,” he said. “I wouldn’t have missed it for the world. This is what Black Jack is all about.”