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Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

Learning to save lives

First civilian CLS class offered at LSA Anaconda

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Capturing insurgent intel

Previously unknown terrorist cell found in Samarra.

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Helping man's best friend

Soldiers provide veterinarian aid to Iraqi guard dogs.

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COB ADDER, Iraq- Paratroopers of the 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, fire their weapons during the live-fire portion of the Task Force Gun Devil Marksmanship Competition Jan. 12. The events were intended to enhance Soldiers' combat skills with weapons systems and foster esprit de corps.

Paratroopers put weaponry skills to test

by Spc. Jaime Avila

82nd Abn. Div.

COB ADDER, Iraq - In between missions, maintenance and countless other tasks, Paratroopers trained and competed in marksmanship competitions.

Paratroopers of the 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, recently participated in a competition to enhance their combat skills with their weapons systems and foster esprit de corps within the unit, said Master Sgt. Andre Machado, the operations sergeant major for 3rd Bn., 319th AFAR.

"When you're disassembling a weapon and say, for example, a pin won't come out the way you expect it to, that can definitely apply pressure and make the task at hand more difficult than it needs to be."

Pfc. Robin Tate
504th PIR

There were two phases to the competition.

First, Paratroopers were put through a number of rigorous stations where they had to disassemble, assemble, perform functions checks, perform load fire procedures and clear weapons, all while blindfolded and closely

watched by a grader who meticulously inspected the Soldiers' every move.

"The only thing difficult is if something doesn't go the way you programmed it. When you're disassembling a weapon and say, for example, a pin won't come out the way you expect it to, that can

definitely apply pressure and make the task at hand more difficult than it needs to be," said Pfc. Robin Tate, a participant in the competition with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

"We had blindfolds on some of the Soldiers to provide them with a little bit more of a challenge," said Machado.

The competition then moved to the firing range, where Soldiers were expected to fire their weapons in a limited amount of time at a target far off in the distance.

They fired everything from the Mark 19 to the

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Nothing certain but death, taxes, help from the CLC

by Capt. Adam Hill

316th ESC CLC

"I am proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money."
-Arthur Godfrey, entertainer.

Tax time is here again. For servicemembers who need assistance with their taxes, the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Consolidated Legal Center plans to provide help. Free tax assistance will be provided to members of the military at LSA Anaconda beginning Feb. 18. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or "VITA" program has a record number of volunteers here this year. 1st Lt. Glen Carr from the 403rd Inland Cargo Transfer Company, Sgt.

1st Class Amy Adams from 316th ESC, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Morris from 316th ESC, Sgt. 1st Class Hector Rivera from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, and Spc. William Estrada from 719th Movement Control Battalion will all receive training and certification on how to assist with filing. They will be able to help determine how to take advantage of new deductions and credits.

The tax center will open Feb. 18th, 2008. The VITA volunteers will assist with the filing of the 1040 EZ and 1040A. Soldiers who use electronic filing should receive their return within seven to ten days versus three weeks if using the "snail mail" method.

Required documents include: Military ID, all W-2

and 1099 forms, social security cards for all family members, deductions and credit information, bank account and routing numbers, receipts for child care expenses, and last year's tax return if available.

The hours of operation for the center will be 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Mondays, noon- 8 p.m. Wednesdays, and 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Fridays. The CLC is located near the corner of Hawk Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave. Those with questions can contact Spc. William Estrada at DSN (318) 433-2836.



Web Image

Provost Marshal Office: Weekly police blotter

(Week of Jan. 20-26)

The PMO conducted: (194) security checks, (8) traffic stops, issued (45) DD Form 1408 Armed Forces Traffic Ticket, registered (58) vehicles on the installation, (8) minor traffic accidents, (13) Common Access Cards were reported lost. (11) personnel barred from LSA Anaconda.

The PMO is currently investigating: (3) Larceny Government/Personal Property cases and (2) General Order #1 violations.

PMO Recommendations: Traffic accident-safety is paramount during traffic accidents. Immediately stop your vehicle if involved in a traffic accident. Render aid to any injured personnel if able. Request assistance from other motorists until emergency responders arrive on scene. Do not depart (flee) the scene of an accident, and

ensure the accident is immediately reported to your unit first sergeant and/or commander. Pull your vehicle immediately over (not impeding the flow of traffic). All vehicle occupants will remain inside of vehicle when pulled over, unless asked to exit the vehicle by the patrolman. Practice situational awareness while operating any vehicle.

Impeding operations by parking in/around construction areas or parking in lanes of travel (to include bus lanes) is a violation of Army Regulation 190-5 and those vehicles will be subject to towing at owner's expense.

Lost & Found: To find out if your lost item has been turned into PMO, contact PMO/Investigations at 443-6105.

By Staff Sgt. Mirta Jones



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Mirta Jones

Senior Airman Brandi De la Hoz and Airman 1st Class Brock Wilson of the PMO, inspect trucks at trucking lanes at LSA Anaconda.

ANACONDA TIMES

316th ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Gregory E. Couch

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Avert disaster in, around massive machines

CFLCC Safety Gram
U.S. Army Safety Center

Working in and around massive machines is dangerous. Reduce incidents of injury and disaster by following proper procedures:

- Give Soldiers the proper amount of time to conduct jobs safely.
- Use ground guides when backing vehicles. Ensure ground guides are stationary and never between vehicles or other

- large objects.
- Limit pedestrian travel in and around vehicle and large machinery movement areas.
 - Use personnel protective equipment (i.e. gloves, helmets, hardhats,

- reflective gear, hearing and eye protection, etc.)
- Use sunglasses when exposed to sunlight to prevent eye fatigue.
 - Be easy to see, don't blend in
 - Ensure all drivers are licensed and qualified to operate vehicles and machinery required to complete their missions. Unlicensed drivers may not know the dangers or "quirks" of certain vehicles and equipment.
 - Use proper tie-down procedures for all loads.
 - Use apt lighting for working conditions.
- Do not:**
- rush! Haste makes waste and shortcuts can (and have) killed.
 - ride on top of, outside of, or on moving vehicles, loads or equipment.
 - exceed driving limits or your own capabilities. Know your limits and respect them.
 - jeopardize your life, the lives of your peers, superiors or subordinates.



Photo Illustration by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra



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Please note, schedule is subject to change.

Worship services

PROTESTANT – TRADITIONAL

Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Air Force Hospital Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Provider Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
	11 a.m.	Castle Heights Chapel (4155)
	5:30 p.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
	7:30 p.m.	Air Force Hospital Chapel

PROTESTANT – GOSPEL

Sunday	11 a.m.	MWR East Building
	Noon	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
	2 p.m.	Air Force Hospital Chapel
	3:30 p.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
	7 p.m.	Provider Chapel

PROTESTANT – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday	9 a.m.	MWR East Building
	10:30 a.m.	TOWN HALL(H-6)
	8 p.m.	Eden Chapel
	2 p.m.	Castle Heights (4155)
	7 p.m.	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
	9:30 p.m.	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
Wednesday	8 p.m.	Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)

PROTESTANT – LITURGICAL

Sunday	9 a.m.	EPISCOPAL Freedom Chapel
	11 a.m.	LUTHERAN (Chapel Annex)
	3:30 p.m.	EPISCOPAL (Tuskegee H-6)

PROTESTANT --MESSIANIC

Friday	8:30 p.m.	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
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PROTESTANT—PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday	7 a.m.	Signal Chapel
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PROTESTANT—SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Saturday	9 a.m.	Provider
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PROTESTANT—CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday	2 p.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

(Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 min prior to Mass)

Saturday	5 p.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
	8 p.m.	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
	11 p.m.	Air Force Hospital Chapel
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
	11 a.m.	Provider Chapel

Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m. Provider Chapel

Mon-Thur 5p.m. Gilbert Memorial

LATTER DAY SAINTS-(LDS)-(MORMON)

Sunday	1 p.m.	Provider Chapel
	3:30p.m.	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
	7 p.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)

JEWISH SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday	7 p.m.	Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
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ISLAMIC SERVICE

Friday	Noon	Freedom Chapel (West Side)
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PAGAN/ WICCAN FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, Saturday	7 p.m.	Eden Chapel
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BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday	7 p.m.	Eden Chapel
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WEAPON, from Cover

M-9.

The fact it was extremely cold and windy during both portions of the competition made it that much tougher for the Soldiers, said Machado.

"This was very resource-intensive. Not only getting the personnel, but getting this whole thing

organized was tough," said Machado. "I had a lot of help and a very outstanding lieutenant, Lt. Costello, who was pretty much my right hand man and helped me set up and organize this whole thing," said Machado.

The 1st place overall unit winner of the competition was Bat-

tery A, 3rd Bn., 319th AFAR. Convoy Escort Team Defender 26 was the Convoy Escort Team 1st place winner.

"I think this was very good for the battalion," said Machado. "It required a lot of hard work, but it was definitely worth it," he said.



Photo by Spc. Jaime Avila

A Paratrooper participates in the Task Force Gun Devil Marksmanship Competition while his teammate helps him through the M-4 station Jan. 12 at Camp Adder.



Photo by Spc. Jaime Avila

Pfc. Robin Tate, a Paratrooper with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, performs a functions check on a M-240 Bravo during the Task Force Gun Devil Marksmanship Competition Jan. 12.

Heroes made, not born

by 1st Lt. Virginia Emery

719th MCB

"Heroes aren't born they are made." Arguably the military, more than any other institution, makes heroes. Some become heroes that endure. Consider the heroism of John McCain and those who endured the terror and torture of a Vietnamese prison camp. Other Soldiers, like Audie Murphy and Alvin York, became heroes because of outstanding acts of courage and skill.

However, on Feb. 3 the Army celebrates four men who became heroes because they lived the Army value of selfless service. Collectively known as The Immortal Chaplains, they showed the world heroes are also made in the midst of sacrifice. Father Washington, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Reverend Fox (a Catholic, a Jew, and 2 Protestants) met at the Army chaplain school at Harvard University in 1941. Although they were from different faith groups, they became fast friends. They sepa-

rated after chaplain school but in 1942 were reunited at the Army mobilization station in Taunton, Mass. In January 1943, the four set sail on the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester with over 1,000 Soldiers.

The Dorchester was taking them to war ravaged Europe. As the Dorchester sailed through "torpedo alley" south of Greenland, it was hit at approximately 1 a.m. As the ship began to sink, the chaplains gave up their space in the limited lifeboats, and gave up their lifejackets and cold weather gear when they realized there was not enough for all the Soldiers. As the ship went down, the chaplains continued to shout words of encouragement and faith to the Soldiers who had escaped the ship. At the very end the chaplains locked arms and began to pray.

The Dorchester went down only 20 minutes after being hit by the torpedo. But in those 20 minutes four heroes were

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Black History Month events

Feb. 7: Black History Month Knowledge Bowl 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. MWR East

Feb. 9, 23: Soul Food Nights Dinner @ DFAC 1 and 4

Feb. 10, 24: Poetry Slam, 8 p.m. MWR East
Soul Food Sunday Lunch @DFAC 3

Feb. 21: Black History Month Knowledge Bowl 6p.m.-7:30 p.m. MWR East

Feb. 22: prayer breakfast 7 a.m. DFAC 4



Photo courtesy of Library of Congress

Feb. 24: 5K Run 6 a.m.
Holt Stadium,

Feb. 27: Black History Month Luncheon, 11 a.m.-noon

Feb. 28: Black History Month Knowledge Bowl 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. MWR East

Feb. 29: Sgt. Debra Gipson in an original stage play, 7p.m.-9 p.m. MWR East

Don't forget to check out MWR East throughout February for movies celebrating Black heritage and history.

Please note schedule is subject to change.



Photo courtesy of Library of Congress

Air Force EOD uncovers intelligence in Samarra

by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

Anaconda Times staff

SAMARRA, Iraq – An Airman risked life and limb here Jan. 13 to retrieve intelligence from an enemy fighting position captured during Operation Fulton.

Tech. Sgt. Kerry Gibson of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight, out of Balad Airbase, Iraq, was called to the front line with the intention of sending an unmanned Talon-3 robot into a captured enemy fighting position to search for booby traps and possible intelligence. Gibson determined the robot would not be able to maneuver in the hole. So with the robot sitting on the sidelines, Gibson lowered himself into the

hole to begin the search. After rounding a 90-degree turn only a few feet from the entrance of the hole, Gibson noticed something out of place among blankets and debris lining the fighting position.

"I found a little black bag just around the corner about a foot away. I popped my head around with the flashlight and the 9mm. I saw the bag and saw that the rest of the tunnel was collapsed, so I passed the bag up to the Army guys up top," said Gibson.

Staff Sgt. Jeff Oliver, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, intelligence noncommissioned officer-in-charge, was waiting topside to examine Gibson's find. Oliver said Al Qaeda

in Iraq has long been thought to be using this region as a staging area for other operations, and the contents in this black bag could confirm or negate that belief, he said.

"With a lot of AQI being pushed out of the Anbar region, this was a natural funnel, especially Samarra. We always thought they staged here, and that may still be the case," said Oliver.

No one was prepared for what would be discovered inside the bag. Within minutes, Oliver and his team had the contents of the bag neatly arranged on the ground. Included were several notebooks, electronic data storage devices, a prepaid cell phone and nearly \$17,000 in American currency.

Upon initial examination, the notebooks were found to contain the names of financial backers, possible locations of planned and previously executed attacks, names of sympathizers and even the phone number of one well known terrorist's mother. The newfound intelligence also uncovered a previously unknown terrorist cell. The seizure of this position and the intelligence it contained will have an immediate and devastating effect on the activities of insurgent groups operating in the region.

"You hit their operations; you hit a base where they're at, where they can rest; you take away their sanctuary- and that's a plus," said Oliver.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, look on as Staff Sgt. Jeff Oliver, 2-327th Inf., intelligence noncommissioned officer-in-charge, counts out thousands of dollars in crisp, new \$100 bills. Also found with the cash were several notebooks, electronic data storage devices and a prepaid cell phone.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

Armed with only a flashlight and 9mm pistol, Tech. Sgt. Kerry Gibson of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight, lowered himself into a captured enemy fighting position after determining his unmanned Talon-3 robot would not fit into the tight space.

PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND

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Welding for safety



Photo by Spc. Andrea Merritt

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Spc. Anthony Grove, a welder with the 536th Maintenance Company, cuts metal that will be used for building a heater guard, which will help prevent possible accidents and injuries associated with portable heaters.

Tactical controllers keep aircraft, troops safe

by Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq- An Army convoy gets ambushed; insurgents surround it. It looks like there may be no way out. Just then, an Air Force joint terminal attack controller calls in back up and minutes later an A-10 Thunderbolt II screams in to provide close air support, driving the enemy away.

How does the A-10 get there so quickly? Surveillance technicians and weapons directors from the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron are caught in the middle.

"We ensure the aircraft are going to the right place at the right time," said Capt. Jason Nelson, 727 EACS senior director. "By doing that, we can make sure they are safe from other aircraft in the area."

"Our mission here is to keep troops safe by taking command and control of the skies of Iraq," he said.

One of the ways unit members perform this mission is by looking at a television-like scope that has a layout of Iraq and includes small blips representing aircraft.

"We are Kingpin and we control the skies," said Senior Airman Martina Briscoe, 727 EACS



Airforce photo by Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards

Senior Airman Martina Briscoe, 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron surveillance technician, monitors a scope to confirm identification on aircraft flying in Iraqi airspace. Positively identifying an aircraft will help weapon directors de-conflict aircraft in their airspace.

surveillance technician. "Our mission is to keep the airspace in Iraq safe and provide assistance to our troops on the ground," she said.

Adding to the safety of pilots and troops on the ground is a new facility that is scheduled for completion by the end of February called the Battlefield Com-

mand and Control CENTAF (Central Command Air Forces), or BC3 for short.

The BC3 facility will house radar approach air traffic controllers and the Airmen in Kingpin. Together, they will provide a unified team to control Iraq's skies.

"If it has anything to do with support in the air, we are the link

for it," said Senior Airman Tyler McClendon, a 727 EACS surveillance technician.

However, they can't do it alone.

"It's all about working together to keep things safe," Nelson said.

"When an aircraft appears on the screen, it shows up as blip," McClendon said. "From there,

the technician can touch the screen and add any additional information about the aircraft. The technician is able to find out the aircraft's four digit identification code, direction of flight, speed, altitude or call sign.

Although they may only be blips on the screen, they represent a life-saving tool for troops.

Saving time, money, doors



Air Force photo by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq- Staff Sgt. Jacob Schargus, a 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron machinist, welds an air compressor unit door with a gas metal arc weld here, Jan. 27. The door had a series of cracks along the rim; instead of ordering a new door, machinists often fix them and have them back in working order within a day.

Getting up in arms



Air Force photo by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq- Tech. Sgt. Janelle Gaddy, a 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron weapons armament technician, tightens the sway pads on a Triple Ejection Rack-9 Alpha, designed for F-16 Fighting Falcons, Jan. 25 here.

1st SB's support, service can be counted on

by Spc. Andrea Merritt

1st Sustainment Brigade

FOB FALCON, Iraq – Leaders in the 1st Sustainment Brigade visited the 610th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) Jan. 19 at FOB Falcon to receive feedback on the logistical support they provide to the unit.

During their visit, the 1st SB discovered their support has helped the 610th BSB exceed Army standards and that their Fort Riley connection can mean so much more, especially during deployment.

Part of the 610th BSB's mission is to provide supplies, maintenance and repairs for vehicles – among numerous other tasks – to the warfighters of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, while in Iraq.



Photo by Spc. Andrea Merritt

Leaders of the 1st Sustainment Brigade and 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, attend a review and analysis brief Jan. 19



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Maintaining vehicles and equipment so Soldiers can complete their missions is one of the roles Soldiers in the 610th BSB fulfill.

"We have to highlight how well the 610 BSB is doing. They're absolutely the best support battalion in theater ... They have been absolutely phenomenal in the support they've given to the brigade. We couldn't ask for better." Col. Ricky Gibbs, commander of the 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div.

The 610th BSB has the best demand and customer satisfactions in Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Rob Weaver, commander of the 610th BSB. The time their customers have to wait on repair parts is about 14 days, which is below the Ar-

my's standard of 15 days.

Weaver attributes part of the unit's successes to the 1st SB.

"Since they've been here, we have been able to exceed Army standards in all of our logistical areas and a large part of that is due to the support we got from the 1st Sustainment Brigade and their subordinate units, providing us the transportation and repair parts from Victory Base (Complex)," said Weaver.

"The 1st Sustainment Brigade has shown great flexibility to provide the items we

need when we need them," Weaver added.

While visiting with the 610th BSB, Col. Kevin O'Connell, commander of the 1st SB, and members of the support operations staff attended a review and analysis brief to see the progress the battalion has made and also to ask if there was more they could do to help.

"It's just a lot easier. The hard situations you're in Iraq, it's just nice to see a familiar face or hear a friendly voice at the other end of the phone and know you can count on them," said Weaver.



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Ensuring timely delivery of supplies, such as the vehicle parts pictured above, has been one of the 610th BSB's vital missions.

Hard at work to show you the money



Photo by Spc. Andrea Merritt

INTERNATIONAL ZONE, Iraq – Spc. Jessica West, a cashier with Detachment B, 24th Finance Company, assists customers in here with financial services. Det. B, 24th Fin. Co., is a unit deployed from Fort Stewart, Ga.



Photo by Spc. Andrea Merritt

INTERNATIONAL ZONE, Iraq – Staff Sgt. Jesus Gonzalez, a disbursing agent with Detachment B, 24th Finance Company, provides financial support to Soldiers, civilians, contractors and local nationals in the Baghdad area.

Vaccinating watch dogs, keeping Soldiers, Iraqis healthy

by Spc. Jay Venturini

Anaconda Times staff

AL HATAMIA, Iraq – Everyone knows the saying, a dog is a man's best friend. The saying even applies in Iraq as Iraqi soldiers at various checkpoints keep canines as watch dogs. However, local dogs often times are infested with parasites or even rabies.

Soldiers from Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment regularly visit a remote checkpoint that uses watch dogs. To improve relations and address health concerns, the Soldiers sought out veterinarians on LSA

Anaconda to vaccinate the dogs.

"The mission was to vaccinate the dogs to ensure they don't contract anything that could be passed on to humans. It also was to improve relations with the Iraqi soldiers because these dogs are very important to them," said Staff Sgt. Michael Lane, Alpha Battery, 1-9 FA, 5th Squad noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

With more than 20 percent of dogs throughout Iraq suffering from rabies, the safety of the Soldiers in close proximity to local dogs is always a big concern.

"These treatments for the dogs are mostly for the safety of our Soldiers,"

said Lt. Col. Cheryl Sofaly, chief of veterinarian medicine, 43rd Medical Detachment. "If the Sol-

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Staff Sgt. Michael Lane
1-9 FA

diers have to be in close to the animals, like in this case, we want them to be safe from anything they have."

Two dogs received a full physical and were treated for worms, fleas and parasites, with plans for follow-up treatment next month.

"The dogs are in fairly good health," said Sofaly.

"The treatments will go a long way in keeping the dogs healthy and in turn keeping the Iraqis and our Soldiers healthy," she said.

The dogs have proven to be very useful for the Iraqis, not only as watch dogs, but they have also been used for bomb detection as well.

"The Iraqis use the dogs in many of the same ways we do," said Lane. "Obviously they haven't had the same amount of training, but for their purposes here, they are very useful."

"Having the dogs has been great for us," said one Iraqi soldier through an interpreter. "They make noise when anyone is getting close to the checkpoint, which helps us get prepared."

With increased use of watch dogs at Iraqi checkpoints it seems likely there will be additional visits to vaccinate more dogs in efforts to keep everyone healthy and focused on the mission at hand, according to Sofaly.



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

Lt. Col. Cheryl Sofaly, 43rd Medical Detachment chief of veterinarian medicine, examines a watchdog at an Iraqi checkpoint. Sofaly vaccinated two dogs and plans to do follow-up treatments in the future.



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

Pfc. Timothy Zetts, Alpha Battery 1-9 FA driver, pets a watch dog at an Iraqi checkpoint. The two watch dogs at the checkpoint were vaccinated to ensure they don't pass on any diseases to humans.



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Lt. Col. Kimberly Cater, an oral surgeon with the 673rd Medical Company, gives Jjaycee's teeth a thorough cleaning at the dental clinic here. Jjaycee is a military working dog specialized in explosives detection and patrolling at Camp Fallujah, Iraq. At first the veterinarians thought Jjaycee would need a root canal due to showing discomfort and pain while biting simulated insurgents during training. After a through exam it was determined just a cleaning was necessary.

LiTT team at K1 may put themselves out of work

by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

Anaconda Times Staff

KIRKUK, Iraq — The Logistics Training Team here teaches the Iraqi Army the importance of preventive maintenance checks and services and the drawbacks of incarcerating service managers.

Equipment eventually breaks down no matter how well maintained it is. With PMCS, these breakdowns occur much less frequently and at the very least, can be predicted with some degree of certainty. None the less, in the Iraqi Army it can still mean harsh punishment for the maintenance supervisor.

“One of the things I do around here is get people out of jail, and I do more of it here than I did as a bail bondsman,” said Lt. Col. Gregory Markert, 2414th LiTT chief.

Recently, a convoy made



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

Staff Sgt. Jody Rowe, 213th Area Support Group, LiTT Team maintenance advisor, overseas operations at the 2nd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division motor pool. His guidance puts the Iraqi logistics program one step closer to self sufficiently.

up of Iraqi vehicles and personnel was heading out on a mission when suddenly one of the vehicles broke down. The convoy did not include a wrecker or the necessary equipment to recover the dead-lined vehicle. The result was total mission failure and another bail-out mission to the stockade for Markert.

“The Iraqi Army doesn’t do PMCS. They don’t understand the need for it,” said Markert.

That’s where Staff Sgt. Jody Rowe, 213th Area Support Group, LiTT maintenance advisor, comes in. Though he credits the previous Military Transition Teams and LiTT with establishing procedures and PMCS standards, the responsibility now falls on him to make sure things run smoothly from a logistics standpoint. As he points out, PMCS does no good without the parts needed to fix the problems.

“Our biggest issue here has

been receiving parts. We can order them all day long but that doesn’t mean we will receive them,” said Rowe.

Traditionally, senior level Iraqi officials derived a portion of their pay from what they could sell on the black market. This has been an ongoing problem theater wide, as old habits die hard, said Rowe.

With Rowe’s aid and others on the LiTT, new tracking systems are in place to hold individuals accountable for the proper distribution of supplies. Logistic proficiency may be the final step in total Iraqi independence in conducting military operations.

“Sergeant Rowe came in at a time when we needed maintenance supervision,” said Markert. “We are putting ourselves out of a job here, and were proud of that.”

Alaska National Guard troops save lives, supplies on roads

by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Anaconda Times Staff

BALAD, Iraq—“We’re taking fire, we’re taking fire,” said a truck commander.

“Gain fire superiority,” demanded the convoy leader.

“Vehicles are down! We’ve got wounded here,” said another Soldier.

At the end of the struggle, one civilian truck driver was dead, another severely injured,

vehicles were damaged and Soldiers in Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, 297th Convoy Security Company, were reminded just how deadly their mission really is.

Security teams with the 297th CSC escort supply trucks on the deadliest roads in Iraq by day and by night. It is a risky job for Soldiers who provide security for trucks loaded with supplies.

“We are prepared to use

deadly force if we have to,” said Staff Sgt. Edward Jones, a convoy leader and retention noncommissioned officer-in-

“Vehicles are down. We’ve got wounded here!”

Convoy security team member
297th CSC

charge with the 297th. Soldiers in the 297th also stand prepared to save lives, as was the case Jan. 14 when their convoy came under attack.

Before the fateful mission, Spc. Veronica Alfaro, a medic with the 297th, said she hoped

to be able to use her health care skills in Iraq as she inventoried supplies in her medical bag. Before the sun rose, Alfaro had indeed provided care to a civilian driver who was shot repeatedly, but

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Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Pfc. Jeremy Pierce, a gunner with the Alaska National Guard’s 297th Combat Support Company, adjusts a M-240 B Machine Gun into place before a convoy security night mission.



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

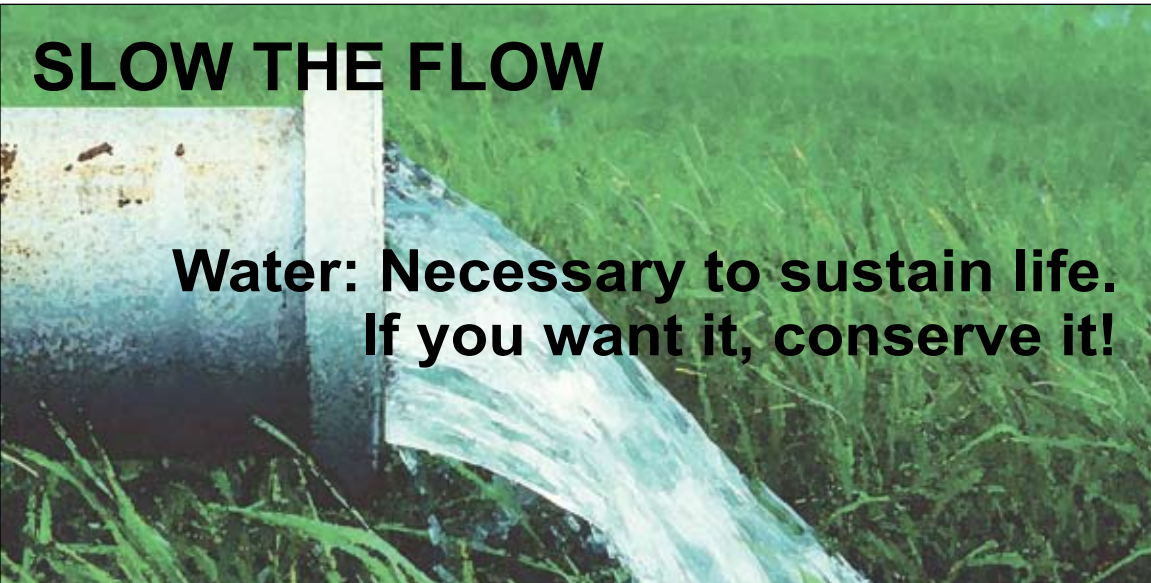
Members of a convoy security team with the Alaska National Guard’s 297th Convoy Security Company go through a battle drill before a night mission providing security for supply trucks. The drill came in handy, as the convoy was attacked Jan. 14 and the training they conducted proved critical.

FAR dedicate plaque, honor comrade



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Neil Simmons

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Master Sgt. Edward Hetman, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the night shift with the 719th Movement Control Battalion, talks to Soldiers of the 2-320th Field Artillery Regiment about his son-in-law, Cpl. Ty Johnson, a fellow 2-320th FAR Soldier, following a memorial and plaque dedication here Jan. 27 in Johnson’s honor. Johnson died April 4, 2006 when an IED detonated near his vehicle while returning to Forward Operating Base Bernstein, Iraq.



Black History Month films Feb. 6-12

Film: Reflections of Carter G. Woodson
Date: Feb. 7, 9 and 12
Time: 11a.m.- Noon

Film: Black History Media Presentation
Date: Feb. 7, 9 and 12
Time: noon- 1:30p.m.

Film: History of Black Achievement
Date: Feb. 7 and 12
Time: 1:30p.m.- 4:30p.m.

Film: Thurgood Marshall
Date: Feb. 7
Time: 5p.m.- 6:30p.m.

Film: The Promise Land
Date: Feb. 7
Time: 6:30p.m.- 9p.m.

Film: The Color Purple
Date: Feb. 8
Time: 8p.m.

Film: Tuskegee Airmen
Date: Feb. 9
Time: 1:30p.m.- 2:30p.m.

Film: Africans in America
Date: Feb. 9
Time: 2:30p.m.- 5:30p.m.

Film: History of the Blues
Date: Feb. 9
Time: 5:30p.m.- 7p.m.

Film: Four Little Girls from Birmingham
Date: Feb. 9
Time: 7p.m.- 9p.m.

Film: Tuskegee Airmen
Date: Feb. 10
Time: 8p.m.

Film: Buffalo Soldiers
Date: Feb. 12
Time: 5p.m.- 6p.m.

Film: Voices of Civil Rights
Date: Feb. 12
Time: 6:30p.m.- 9p.m.

All films will be shown at the MWR East Movie Room. Please note, schedule is subject to change.

America’s warrior

by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

A snapshot of servicemembers in the Global War on Terrorism



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

Name: Sgt. Tracy Wilson-Goldwire.
Unit: 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).
Job title: Assistant Unit Supply Sergeant, Unit Armorer, Unit Victim Advocate for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.
Time in Service: Three years, 11 months.
Age: 32.
Hometown: Miami, Fla., but reside in Virginia
Family: Warrant Officer Jacob W. Goldwire III, Shanice Ashley Wilson, 14, Cheyenne Alisa Goldwire, 7.
Pastimes: Running and working out (any sport will do), spending

time with my husband and children, scrapbooking.
Life-changing event: Definitely being deployed to Iraq.
The person I admire most: My mother, for her strength, courage and endurance. For raising me to be the strong woman I am today.
Why I joined the Army: I have always admired my older brother, Sgt. 1st Class Trevor Wilson Jr. and have always wanted to follow in his footsteps with a military career of my own. When 9-11 happened, it was like I was destined to follow my older brother’s lead and defend the freedoms given to us all with a heavy price paid by those who fought so long ago and by those who still do

the same today.
If I wasn’t in the Army: I can not imagine not being in the Army. It has become a very big part of my life.
The one thing I would change about the Army: The long deployments away from our families.
Why do you continue to serve: So my children and my children’s children will not have to pay the same price we have to pay for our freedom.
Goals: To become a fellow Warrant Officer like my husband or a future Sergeant Major.
Best part of my job: Getting officers and Soldiers the equipment and supplies they need to accomplish their missions.

First CLS course offered to civilians ends with a bang

by Spc. Jay Venturini

Anaconda Times staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – If you look at the current population of American personnel in Iraq, you would see there is nearly a 1-to-1 ratio between military and civilian personnel on numerous bases, according to Sgt. 1st Class Eric Woodrum, Task force 62nd Medical Brigade (MB) Jameson Combat Medical Training Center noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Because of this, many civilians are receiving more military training to be able to properly react during emergency situations. The 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB), which employs more than 700 civilian contractors, had 30 of its personnel go through the combat lifesaver (CLS) course to ensure readiness in case of emergencies.

“With a battalion that has 700 civilians and only 12 Soldiers, when an emergency happens, because it will, we will need first responders to keep the casualties alive until the ambulance arrives,” said Sgt. Maj. Eric Hill, 1-402nd AFSB command sergeant major.

The 1-402nd AFSB coordinated with the 62nd MB, which teaches the CLS course, to have their course coincide with the different needs of the civilian students.



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

Students carry a simulated casualty to an ambulance during a mass casualty event for a combat lifesaver course. Thirty civilians trained to be first responders during real life emergencies.

“The 62nd personnel did a great job fielding our requests and working with us on our time schedule,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Tarr, 1-402nd AFSB operations noncommissioned officer.

One change to the course includes extending it to five days instead of the usual three to accommodate the civilians’ work schedule. They also changed what information went into a nine-line medical evacuation request.

“Because of where these people work, there would be no possible way to get a MEDEVAC helicopter in the

compound, so we taught them to call an ambulance,” said Woodrum.

During the course the students learn advanced first aid and how to administer an IV to a casualty. The culminating event was a mass casualty scenario where the students had to use what they learned to save casualties who had simulated bleeding, missing limbs and other life-threatening injuries.

“The event is to give the students hands on experience during a very stressful situation,” said Hill. “Obviously there is nothing like dealing with a real mass casualty

event, but it takes it up a notch from the classroom environment.”

In a battalion that consists of 95 percent civilians, some military resources and training can be very helpful for preparing people for anything thrown their way, and the 1-402nd AFSB is taking full advantage of opportunities for training.

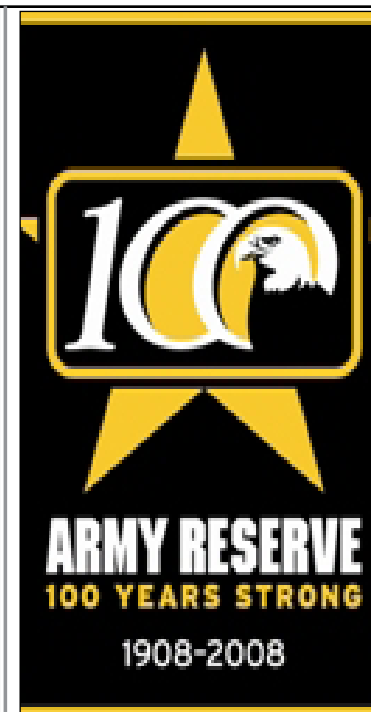
“With the ratio between military and civilian, it only makes sense to give the civilian side every opportunity we offer the military,” said Woodrow.

LiTT conducts convoy brief before departing Warrior



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

FOB WARRIOR, Iraq – 1st Lt. Joshua A. Briceno, assistant Logistics Transition Team chief, 240th Quartermaster Company, conducts a convoy brief prior to a mission Jan. 25 en route to a small Army compound on an Iraqi army training camp in Kirkuk. Briceno informs Soldiers about recent threat levels, medical evacuation, recovery measures and escalation of force procedures.



U.S. Army Reserve Timeline

1989 Panama - After the U.S. invasion, Army Reserve civil affairs and military police units help restore order.

1990 - 1991 Persian Gulf War - More than 84,000 Army Reserve Soldiers provide combat support and combat service support to the Army.

1992 Somalia - Army Reserve Soldiers provide postal, logistical and other assistance to support U.S. relief efforts.

1995 - 1996 Haiti - Army Reserve helps restore democracy, providing more than 70% of all Reserve component support.

1995 - 2001 Bosnia - The Army Reserve contributes more than 68% of the Reserve Soldiers mobilized, providing civil affairs, medical, postal, engineer and transportation support to Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard/Joint Forge. This includes more than 11,150 Soldiers from more than 330 units.

1999 Army Reserve sends units to Central America in support of New Horizons '99 (Nuevos Horizontes '99), the relief effort for Hurricane Mitch.

Upcoming sports on AFN

Wednesday 2/6/08 Michigan @ Ohio State live 3:00 a.m. AFN/sports Carolina Hurricanes @ Nashville Predators live 4:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Florida @ Tennessee live 5:00 a.m. AFN/sports Virginia Tech @ North Carolina State replay 8:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Los Angeles Lakers @ New Jersey Nets replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/sports Boston Celtics @ Cleveland Cavaliers replay 4:00 p.m. AFN/sports Thursday 2/7/08 Texas @ Oklahoma live 3:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Connecticut @ Syracuse live 3:00 a.m. AFN/sports Duke @ North Carolina live 5:00 a.m. AFN/sports; replay 4:00 p.m. AFN/sports; replay 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports Soccer: Mexico vs. USA live 5:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Air Force @ San Diego State live 7:30 a.m. AFN/xtra Miami Heat @ Detroit Pistons replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/sports Friday 2/8/08 West Virginia @ Pittsburgh live 3:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Cleveland Cavaliers @ Houston Rockets live 4:15 AFN/sports Indiana @ Illinois live 5:00 a.m.	AFN/xtra Chicago Bulls @ Golden State Warriors live 6:30 a.m. AFN/sports UCLA @ Washington State live 7:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Clemson @ Virginia replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/sports Xavier @ Saint Louis replay 1:00 p.m. AFN/sports Saturday 2/9/08 Los Angeles Lakers @ Orlando Magic live 3:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Anaheim Ducks @ New Jersey Devils live 3:00 a.m. AFN/prime Boston Celtics @ Minnesota Timberwolves live 4:00 a.m. AFN/sports Washington Wizards @ Denver Nuggets live 6:30 a.m. AFN/sports; replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/sports Columbus Blue Jackets @ Dan Jose Sharks live 6:30 a.m. AFN/xtra St. Johns @ Providence live 8:00 p.m. AFN/xtra Marquette @ Notre Dame live 8:00 p.m. AFN/prime Boston College @ Duke live 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports Southern @ Grambling live 10:00 p.m. AFN/xtra Iowa @ Minnesota live 10:00 p.m. AFN/prime USC @ Washington State live 11:30 p.m. AFN/sports Sunday 2/10/08	Texas @ Iowa State live 12:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Georgia Tech @ Connecticut live 12:00 a.m. AFN/prime Oklahoma State @ Kansas State live 2:00 a.m. AFN/prime Hawaii @ Nevada live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Seton Hall @ Villanova live 2:00 a.m. AFN/sports Baylor @ Kansas live 4:00 a.m. AFN/prime NASCAR Sprint Cup: Budweiser Shootout live 4:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Georgetown @ Louisville live 5:00 a.m. AFN/sports Nashville Predators @ San Jose Sharks live 6:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Purdue @ Wisconsin live 6:00 a.m. AFN/prime Virginia @ Wake Forest replay 8:30 a.m. AFN/xtra Texas A&M @ Missouri replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Boxing: Paul Williams vs. Carlos Quintana replay 12:00 p.m. AFN/sports Tennessee @ LSU replay 1:00 p.m. AFN/xtra Vanderbilt @ South Carolina replay 3:00 p.m. AFN/xtra Mississippi @ Arkansas replay 5:00 p.m. AFN/xtra Northwestern @ Michigan State replay 7:00 p.m. AFN/xtra San Antonio Spurs @ Orlando Magic live 9:00 p.m. AFN/xtra	Indiana @ Ohio State live 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports PGA Tour: Pebble Beach National Pro-Am live 11:30 p.m. AFN/prime Los Angeles Lakers @ Miami Heat live 11:30 p.m. AFN/xtra Monday 2/11/08 NFL Pro Bowl live 12:30 a.m. AFN/sports; replay 1:00 p.m. AFN/sports; replay 8:00 p.m. AFN/sports UCLA @ Washington live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra; replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Clemson @ North Carolina live 2:30 a.m. AFN/xtra Denver Nuggets @ Cleveland Cavaliers live 3:00 a.m. AFN/sports Chicago Blackhawks @ Vancouver Canucks live 6:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Washington Wizards @ Phoenix Suns live 6:30 a.m. AFN/sports Arizona State @ Arizona replay 9:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Tuesday 2/12/08 Phoenix Coyotes @ Dallas Stars live 3:00 a.m. AFN/xtra Villanova @ Georgetown live 3:00 a.m. AFN/sports Kansas @ Texas live 5:00 a.m. AFN/sports; replay 5:00 p.m. AFN/sports; replay 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports Washington Wizards @ Golden State Warriors live 6:30 a.m. AFN/xtra St. Mary's (CA) @ Santa Clara replay 12:00 p.m. AFN/sports
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SUSTAINER REEL TIME THEATER	
(Schedule is subject to change)	
Wednesday, Feb. 6	
5 p.m.	Aliens vs. Predator Requiem R
8 p.m.	Charlie Wilson's War (R)
Thursday, Feb. 7	
5 p.m.	Alvin & the Chipmunks (PG)
8 p.m.	Cloverfield (PG-13)
Friday, Feb. 8	
2 p.m.	National Treasure Book of Secrets (PG)
5 p.m.	P.S. I Love You (PG-13)
8:30 p.m.	Untraceable (R)
Saturday, Feb. 9	
2 p.m.	Walk Hard The Dewey Cox Story (R)
5 p.m.	Untraceable (R)
8 p.m.	National Treasure Book of Secrets (PG)
Sunday, Feb. 10	
2 p.m.	Untraceable (R)
5 p.m.	P.S. I Love You (PG-13)
8 p.m.	Walk Hard The Dewey Cox Story (R)
Monday, Feb. 11	
5 p.m.	P.S. I Love You (PG-13)
8 p.m.	Untraceable (R)
Tuesday, Feb. 12	
5 p.m.	Untraceable (R)
8 p.m.	National Treasure Book of Secrets (PG)



ANACONDA ACTIVITIES

INDOOR POOL

Aqua Training: Tuesday and Thursday- 7:45 p.m.

Swim Lessons

-Beginners: Tuesday – 7 p.m.

-Intermediate: Thursday- 7 p.m. *Must sign up with instructor.

- Advanced: Saturday - 7 p.m. *Must sign up with instructor.

Time Trails- 50m, 100m, 200m: Friday – 8 a.m. & p.m.

EAST FITNESS CENTER

Basketball League: Monday-Friday – 7 p.m.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8 p.m.

Kyu Kyu Kempo: Sunday- 2 p.m.

Modern Army combatives: Tuesday and Thursday- 8:30 p.m.

Open court volleyball: Sunday- 6 p.m.

Shotokan Karate Do: Thursday- 6:45 p.m., Saturday- 8:30 p.m. and Sunday- 5:30 p.m.

Soo Bahk Do: 6 p.m.

Step Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling & physical fitness class: Tuesday- 6 p.m. and

Saturday- 7 p.m.

Swing dance: Sunday- 7:30 p.m.

CIRCUIT GYM

Floor hockey: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8 p.m.

EAST RECREATION CENTER

8-ball tourney: Monday- 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

9-ball tournament: Wednesday- 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Game Console Tourney: Thursday- 8 p.m.

Country Dance Class: Thursday- 7 p.m.

Dominoes: Friday- 8 p.m.

Karaoke: Monday- 8 p.m.

Model building: Sunday- 1 p.m.

Poetry/ open mic: Sunday- 7:30 p.m.

Poker tourney: Sunday- 6 p.m.

Salsa dance class: Saturday- 8:30 p.m.

Swing dance: Tuesday- 7 p.m.

Ping pong tourney: Tuesday- 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

WEST RECREATION CENTER

8-ball tourney: Wednesday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

9-ball tournament: Monday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Saturday- 8 p.m.

Friday nights in Balad: Friday- 8 p.m.

Karaoke: Wednesday - 8 p.m.

Hip-Hop Dance Class: Saturday- 9 p.m.

Ice Ball Tourney: Thursday- 4 p.m.

Jam Session: Tuesday, Thursday- 7:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night: Sunday- 8 p.m.

Ping pong/Foosball: Tuesday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Spades, Chess and Dominoes: Friday – 1 & 8 p.m.

Texas hold 'em: Saturday- 8 p.m.

Game Counsel Tourney: Thursday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

WEST FITNESS CENTER

3-on-3 basketball tourney: Saturday- 7:30 p.m.

6-on-6 volleyball tourney: Friday- 7 p.m.

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 7 p.m.

Body by Midgett Toning Class: Tuesday, Thursday - 7 p.m.

Dodge ball Game: Tuesday- 7:30 p.m.

Furman's Martial Arts:

Monday, Wednesday- 1 p.m.

Gaston's Self-Defense Class: Friday, Saturday- 7 p.m.

High Impact Step Aerobics:

Tuesday, Thursday- 7 p.m.

Open court basketball:

Thursday- 7 p.m.

Power Abs Class: Saturdays- 8 a.m. & p.m.

Zingano Brazilian Jui Jitsu:

Tuesday, Thursday- 8:30 p.m.

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his wounds were too severe and he died on the scene.

Another medic, Pfc. Kelly Perham, also with the 297th, helped save the life of yet another civilian truck driver who was shot.

"He was surprisingly calm and thanked us, although he was freezing," said Perham.

2nd Lt. Walter Hotch-Hill, a platoon leader with the 297th, gave up his sleeping bag so the frigid, bleeding victim could remain warm as the team

awaited a MEDEVAC.

"We all came together," said Sgt. Richard Murphy, a convoy security team member with the 297th. "The wrecker crew tried to recover the down vehicles, the medics launched, gunners engaged, reports were called up; everyone did exactly what we had trained to do," he said.

The 297th continues to provide convoy security with even more confidence and acumen, now that they have proven their skills under fire.



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Pfc. Kelly Perham, a medic with the 297th Combat Support Company, checks the oil in a Humvee before a security mission.

New ammo decreases fragments in close urban environs

Darryl Howlett

Army News Service

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J.- A new type of ammunition is arriving in time to help Soldiers in dangerous urban landscapes, such as those in Iraq.

Brig. Gen. James E. Rogers, commanding general of the Joint Munitions Command at Rock Island, Ill., approved the full materiel release of the M-1030 12-gauge shotgun breaching cartridge in late 2007.

"The M-1030 is an anti-material cartridge designed to be used for defeating wooden doors (deadbolts, knobs and hinges) and padlock hasps," said R. Ned DeWitt, product manager of crew served weapons with the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"The cartridge is functional with the Mossberg 500/590 and the Remington 870 shotguns. The cartridges will be tested in the XM62 Modular Accessory Shotgun System as part of the product qualifica-

tion testing for the weapon."

DeWitt said changes in combat from open field to urban environments drove the implementation for the changes.

"Since combat has migrated toward military operations in urban terrain, ballistic-breaching operations have increased. This necessitated the need for a specialized breaching munition capable of being fired from existing and future small arms weapons," he said.

The most important aspect of the new munition is its safety toward Soldiers.

"The frangible projectile of the M-1030 minimizes ricochet hazards currently associated with buckshot breaching and provides a much safer alternative to the Soldier."

DeWitt said the ammunition contractor, Alliant Techsystems Inc., will produce the ammunition in its plant in Minnesota, with ammunition orders already being filled by the Army, Marine Corps and the Navy.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Antonietta Rico

The Army recently approved a new anti-material cartridge, the M1030. The M1030 is designed as a breaching munition, used for defeating wooden doors, deadbolts, knobs, hinges and padlock hasps. The design of the munition minimizes ricochet hazards currently associated with buckshot breaching and provides a much safer alternative to the Soldier.

Best doctors serve best patients according to Guard surgeon

by Sgt. Stewart Brown &
Staff Sgt. Bryant Maude

1st Bn. 143rd FA & 1st Sustainment Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq –
The California National Guard’s 1st Battalion, 143rd Field Artillery reached out for a general medical officer and found Capt. R. Dale Jackson, a Michigan National Guard flight surgeon with the 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation. Raised in Prince William County, Va., Jackson currently lives just north of Detroit where he is completing his post-graduate medical specialty training in combined Emergency and Internal Medicine at Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals.

“The Soldiers are lucky to have someone like him,” said Maj. Michael Wise, the 1st Bn., 143rd FA executive officer. “He sees things in a broader sense and works hard to make sure the right things are done for them.”

Jackson’s 18-year Army career is a combination of active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard ser-



Photo by Sgt. Stewart Brown

Capt. R. Dale Jackson, a Michigan National Guard flight surgeon with the 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation provides a health check up for a Soldier with 1st Battalion, 143rd Field Artillery. Prior to deploying to Iraq, Jackson was completing post-graduate medical specialty training in Combined Emergency and Internal Medicine at Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals.

“It’s not everyday you get to take care of the best patients in the world, the American Soldier.”

Capt. R. Dale Jackson
3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation

vice. It was the encouragement of some fellow battalion surgeons and physician’s assistants that led him to pursue a career as a physician.

“Having the opportunity to deploy in a time

of war is, in a sense, me coming full circle,” said Jackson. “It’s not everyday you get to take care of the best patients in the world, the American Soldier.” Jackson is proud of his service in the National Guard and is amazed by the large number of Guard Soldiers serving in Iraq. “The fact that yesterday they were lawyers, salesclerks, office workers and contractors, and today they are professional Soldiers serving as infantrymen, military po-

lice, combat truck drivers, logisticians amazes me,” said Jackson.

“They are performing admirably and their dedication, commitment and professionalism should fill their families and every Americans’ heart with pride,” he added. After his service in Iraq, Dr. Jackson will head back to work and complete his post-graduate specialty training. He plans to work full time for a health care system and serve in the Army National Guard until retirement.

EagleCash limits cash in Iraq



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryant Maude

CAMP TAJI, Iraq- Capt. Michael Pagel, the officer in charge for the Special Troops Battalion, ‘Easy Red’ Troop Medical Clinic, withdraws cash from his EagleCash Card. He is assisted by a cashier with Detachment B, 24th Transportation Company. Eagle cash serves as currency at several camps throughout Iraq and is a way to limit the amount of U.S. currency flowing through the country. The card works by allowing a customer to insert the card (equipped with a microchip) into a merchant terminal machine that reads the dollar amount available on the card.

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made; strengthened for service through their friendship and their faith. In 1960 the four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Not only did they embody the Army value of selfless service, they lived one of Jesus’ most challenging lessons. “Greater love has no man than to give up his life for his friends.” The love the chaplains had for the Soldiers of the Dorchester translated into the ultimate act of service...and the highest form of heroism.

For more information on the four chaplains, read “No Greater Glory” by Dan Kurzman.



Web Illustration

Soldiers bring their “A” game to the court



Photos by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq- (Above), Staff Sgt. Addie Collins, a broadcast journalist with the 302nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and member of local basketball team, “Who’s your Momma” goes up for a shot as a member of rival team, “Lady Fierce” vies to stop her.

(Below), Local Womens’ Basketball teams, “Lady Fierce” and “Who’s your momma” compete Jan. 30. The final score was 28 points to 25, with team “Lady Fierce” winning the game.



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq- Staff Sgt. Percy E. Tinsley, motorpool noncommissioned officer with the 307th Medical Company and coach of women’s basketball team, “Who’s your momma” typically shows his players supportive guidance, but in this picture he reveals disfavor with one of their plays.

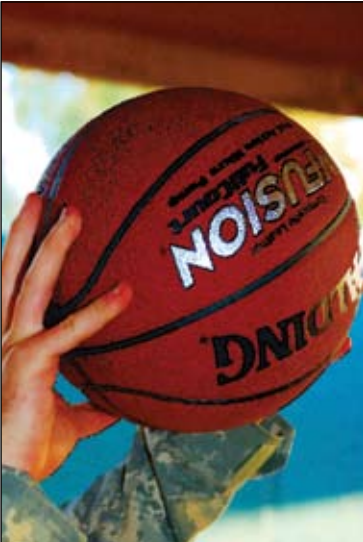


Photo Illustration by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra



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LSA ANACONDA, Iraq- Despite long work days and little free time, many Soldiers have discovered the numerous benefits of competing in league sports such as basketball. Benefits which include intense physical training, camaraderie among teammates and developing a healthy competitive spirit.