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3ID Soldier and NCO of the year announced

STAFF SGT. AMBER EMERY
3RD INF. DIV.

CAMP VICTORY – The U.S. Army is a time-honored organization rich in tradition and history. Long considered members of the best military in the world, Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division carry out these traditions and play a part in writing its history.

Two Soldiers earned their page in the 3rd Infantry Division history book after winning the titles of 2008 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Soldier of the Year.

Specialist Michael Holbrook, 3rd Infantry Division Soldier of the Year 2008 winner, said ever since he won the Soldier of the Month award, it has been his mission to progress as far as possible. He is from 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

Soldier and NCO of the Year titles go to those who perform above and beyond their call to duty. Each Soldier competing in the event is required to turn in a packet which includes a nomination worksheet signed by a brigade command sergeant major, and must compete in an oral board.

"I ended up learning a lot from being with 3rd ID," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Ridge, 3rd Inf. Div. NCO of the Year 2008, from 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th BCT. "I am definitely proud of the fact that I won the title of NCO of the Year."



Staff Sgt. Amber Emery

Staff Sergeant Joshua Ridge, 1-76th FA, performs pre-combat checks on Spc. Michael Holbrook, 3-7th Cav. Regt., before a convoy.

The competition starts at company level then advances to battalion, brigade and division competitions. Division-level winners compete in the Forces Command NCO and Soldier of the Year, which takes place July 27 through August 1. The top Soldier and NCO in that event will then compete at the Army level.

"They are considered to be the top Soldiers in the division and will represent the division on different lev-

els," said Staff Sgt. Ashanti Carter, executive assistant to division command sergeant major.

This competition improves the Soldiers' morale while deployed and gives them a goal to achieve, Carter said.

"I worked for it, and I did everything I could to get to this position. The next step is the FORSCOM board, and I can't wait to go there and perform my best," Holbrook said.

Marne Dauntless to improve quality of life, eliminate extremists

MND-C PAO

BAGHDAD – Multi-National Division – Center launched its latest major operation primarily devoted to capacity building May 15, seeking to improve the quality of life for Iraqi citizens of the Mada'in Qada, in southeast Bagh-

dad Province.

Coming on the heels of Operation Marne Piledriver – which kicked off in April across the Mahmudiyah Qada, south of Baghdad – Marne Dauntless aims to facilitate sustainable stability and security in a new part of MND-C's battle space.

The operation is taking place in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division's area of responsibility, as it assumes authority from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. The security gains

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4-27 FA takes over command at COP Salie

Spc. JUSTIN SNYDER
2ND BCT, 1ST ARMD. DIV.

FOB HAMMER – Soldiers held a ceremony May 13, transferring authority in the Narhwan area of Iraq, from the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, to the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, at Combat Outpost Salie.

The ceremony began with the playing of both the United States and Iraqi national anthems. Following the anthems, Col. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., commander of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, addressed the crowd, which included 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division Soldiers, 3rd HBCT Soldiers and local Iraqi leaders and citizens.

Grigsby, a native of Prince George's County, Md., began by welcoming the distinguished guests. He thanked the local Iraqi people for coming to the ceremony and for their support of the 1-10th FA over the course of its deployment. He congratulated residents for improvements they have made in the Narhwan area and reassured them good things would not stop once the 1-10th FA left.

"We believe these improvements are only the beginning," Grigsby said. "The Sons of Iraq and the Iron Brigade are here to assist you in taking this to the next level."

Grigsby then turned the microphone over to Lt. Col. Mark Sullivan, 1-10th FA commander. Sullivan congratulated the people of Narhwan for taking control of their city and told them this was their accomplishments and not his. He asked for them to work alongside the 4-27th FA as they take command.

"Together we created a situation where hope and progress has been

Spc. Justin Snyder
(Right) Lieutenant Colonel Mike Mammay, 4-27th FA commander, uncases his unit's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at COP Salie.



Spc. Justin Snyder
(Left) Lieutenant Colonel Mark Sullivan, 1-10th FA commander, cases his unit's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at COP Salie.

restored," said Sullivan, a native of Huntsville, Ala.

"As Lieutenant Colonel Mammay and his Soldiers take over our duties, I ask for your continued cooperation in maintaining a secure environment where progress can continue," he said.

Following his speech, Sullivan cased the 1-10th FA colors and turned things over to Lt. Col. Mike Mammay, 4-27th FA commander. Before addressing the crowd, Mammay, a native of Merrimack, N.H., uncased the 4-27th FA colors, making the transfer of authority official.

"I don't see this transition as a change, but as a contribution," Mam-

may said to the crowd. "They have built the foundation that we will continue to build on."

Mammay concluded his speech by presenting Sullivan with a plaque and thanking him and his Soldiers for their support during the transition period.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of the 3rd Infantry Division Song, the 1st Armored Division Song, and the Army Song.

The 1-10th FA falls under the command of 2nd BCT, 1st Armd. Div., from Baumholder, Germany, which is replacing the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., in the Mada'in Qada in southeastern Baghdad Province.

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achieved by the 3rd HBCT over the last fifteen months have set the stage for this effort.

"When we first got into the Mada'in Qada we were experiencing probably four or five attacks a day. Now ... we're down to maybe an attack every other day," said Col. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., commander of the 3rd HBCT. "All this violence that has gone down has created this window now, that we can think capacity, not just security."

In addition to economic and governance development, Marne Dauntless aims to eliminate lingering extremist and criminal elements in the area. The Iraqi Security Forces will take the lead in targeting extremists through intelligence-driven raids, with support from Coalition forces, and ensure extremists are unable to conduct attacks or smuggle munitions into Baghdad.

"The ISF in Mada'in Qada have grown to a level of operational readiness that allows them to take the lead," said Maj. Dave Waldron, ISF chief, G3 section, 3rd Infantry Division. "The National Police and Iraqi Army have proven they have a good working relationship with the townspeople and local leaders. This has recently gained significant intelligence to assist in conducting operations to disrupt (al-Qaeda in Iraq) and Shia extremist networks in Mada'in."

Policemen of the 3rd Battalion, 1st

National Police Brigade will establish a presence in the northern Jisr Diyala area and Narhwan. An Iraqi Police base is planned, along with expanding a nearby combat outpost to accommodate joint operations. Building police and joint security stations will allow the ISF to position their forces deeper among the population, Waldron said, adding that as a governmental entity, the NP will provide a link between the Government of Iraq and the nahias they operate in.

As people's need for security is met, they seek improvements in other basic needs areas, such as jobs, health care and clean water, said Col. David Brost, effects coordinator for the 3rd Infantry Division.

"Without improvements in these basic needs areas, the hard-fought gains in security are potentially at risk," Brost said. "Marne Dauntless is providing for the basic needs and services of the local population, as well as revitalizing the local economy in order to further drive a wedge between the local population and the insurgents."

Commander's Emergency Response Program funds will be used for short-term, immediate impact projects ranging from community councils to schools and governance projects. However, Coalition forces are working with the Government of Iraq to inject funding into projects for long-term maintenance and viability.

Grigsby said about \$7 million would

be spent on those short-term projects, including microgrants to small business owners. As part of the operation, he said, a Jisr Diyala development conference will be held in upcoming weeks, where the nahia will lay out its vision to the Baghdad government of what it wants to look like in five years.

"Last year the Baghdad government spent \$1 million in Mada'in Qada," Grigsby said. "So far this year they've spent \$86.1 million of Baghdad money in the Mada'in Qada. That's huge momentum."

In the mainly agricultural Mada'in Qada, where almost three quarters of the population are either farmers or in farm-related businesses, water systems will be improved, to include refurbishment of water and irrigation pump stations. A revitalization of the poultry farming industry is also planned, with eight chicken farms slated for improvement.

Extending over the upcoming months, Marne Dauntless will cover a full spectrum of initiatives, from market refurbishments to employment centers, power line repairs, billboard emplacement and an increase in transmission power for the radio station currently operating in Wahida.

"By using money as a weapon system, funding schools, health care clinics, employment centers, etc., Marne Dauntless focuses on creating more stakeholders in a peaceful and productive Iraq," Brost said.

Safety Thought of the Day

Power Equipment Refueling Practices

Several types of engine-driven equipment are used in theater:

Electric generators, portable heaters, light masts, welding units, and construction equipment. Most refueling accidents are caused by static sparks and contact between the fuels and hot engine surfaces.

Precautionary Measures include:

- Develop and follow a planned preventive maintenance schedule that includes refueling schedules.
- Avoid in-service refueling by adding

fuel to tanks before operations begin and equipment is started.

- Always shut off equipment and allow it to cool before refueling, perform daily PM while idle.
- Always touch the metal frame of the equipment to dissipate static charges prior to refueling.
- Maintain a contact bond between the fuel spout and tank filler neck on the equipment.
- Have proper fire extinguisher available.
- Store fuel away from the equipment in properly labeled containers.

Headline Highlights

Darth Vader attack; free haircuts in India; toilet flight

'Darth Vader' sentence suspended for Jedi church attacks

HOLYHEAD, Wales (AP) — A man who dressed up as Darth Vader, wearing a garbage bag for a cape, and assaulted the founders of a group calling itself the Jedi church was given a suspended sentence Tuesday.

Arwel Wynne Hughes, 27, attacked Jedi church founder Barney Jones — aka Master Jonba Hehol — with a metal crutch, hitting him on the head, prosecutors told Holyhead Magistrates' Court.

He also whacked Jones' 18-year-old cousin, Michael Jones — known as Master Mormi Hehol — bruising his thigh in the March 25 incident, prosecutors said.

The two cousins and Barney Jones' brother, Daniel, set up the Church of Jediism, Anglesey order, last year. Jedi is the faith followed by some of the central characters in the "Star Wars" films.

The group, which claims about 30 members, says on its Web site that it uses "insight and knowledge" from the films as "a guide to living a better and more worthwhile life."

"We all love the films and what they stand for. Obviously some people are going to laugh about it," the Wales on Sunday newspaper quoted Barney Jones as saying last month. "But a lot of people do take it seriously."

Unfortunately for Hughes, his March attack was recorded on a video camera that the cousins had set up to film themselves in a light saber battle.

"Darth Vader! Jedism!" Hughes shouted

as he approached.

Hughes claimed he couldn't remember the incident, having drunk the better part of a 2 1/2-gallon (10-liter) box of wine beforehand.

"He knows his behavior was wrong and didn't want it to happen but he has no recollection of it," said Hughes' lawyer, Frances Jones.

District Judge Andrew Shaw sentenced Hughes to two months in jail but suspended the sentence for one year. He also ordered Hughes to pay \$195 to each of his victims and \$117 in court costs.

In the 2001 United Kingdom census, 390,000 — 0.7 percent of the population — listed Jedi as their religion.

Barbers turn health educators in eastern Indian schools

PATNA, India (Reuters) — An eastern Indian state is recruiting around 4,000 barbers to give free haircuts to poor children to improve hygiene and stop the children "looking funny", a senior government official said.

The barbers, paid a monthly wage of 1,500 rupees (around 19 pounds), will work in some 45,000 primary and middle schools in Jharkhand.

"We are hiring thousands of barbers as health educators in schools," Jharkhand human resources development minister Bandhu Tirkey said on Tuesday.

"There are many poor children who can't afford to have regular haircuts and attend school with long hair which looks funny ... neat hair is also hygienic for stu-

dents," the minister added.

Man sues airline over 5-hour flight spent in lavatory

NEW YORK (Reuters) — A New York man who says he was denied a seat on a five-hour JetBlue flight and was instead told to "hang out" in the plane's bathroom has sued the airline for \$2 million, saying he suffered "extreme humiliation."

When Gokhan Mutlu arrived to check in for a JetBlue flight from San Diego to New York in February he was told the flight was full, according to the lawsuit filed in New York State Supreme Court.

But Mutlu was allowed to board after a JetBlue flight attendant agreed to give up her seat and travel in an airline employee "jump seat." It was not clear in the lawsuit whether the flight attendant was working.

However 90 minutes into the flight, the pilot told Mutlu the flight attendant was uncomfortable and he would have to give up his seat and "hang out" in the bathroom for the remainder of the flight, the lawsuit said.

The pilot "became angry at (Mutlu's) reluctance" and said Mutlu "should be grateful for being onboard," the lawsuit said. When Mutlu volunteered to sit in the "jump seat," he was told it was reserved for airline personnel.

At one point, the airplane experienced turbulence and Mutlu sat on the toilet seat without a seat belt, causing him "tremendous fear," the lawsuit said.

JetBlue was not available for comment.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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

ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

How long have they been there?

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