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Memorial plaque dedication to honor fallen comrades

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CAMP VICTORY – “The Army is good at very many things, but one of the best things the Army is really great at doing is remembering and honoring Soldiers who were killed in action or wounded in action,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harlon Triplett, division chaplain.

A memorial plaque dedication honoring Multi-National Division – Center’s fallen heroes will take place at the Honor Chapel deck May 26 at 9:30 a.m.

The plaque bears the names of all MND-C Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving under the 3rd Infantry Division, and will be placed on the wall inside Honor Chapel.

Staff Sgt. Amber Emery
Chaplain (Maj.) Randy Edwards (left), deputy division chaplain, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harlon Triplett, division chaplain, display the memorial plaque that will be placed on the Honor Chapel wall following the dedication ceremony honoring MND-C fallen Soldiers.



“The purpose of this plaque is so that we will never forget the dedication, sacrifice, courage, bravery and honor of the MND-C personnel

who have given their lives in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom,”

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MARNE 6 SENDS Memorial Day – A date for us to remember



Today we remember the heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Many were our friends. They stood next to us in formation, they slept in our tents, they drove in our convoys, and they walked patrols with us. We mourn their loss.

I start every day in prayer and lay out cards with photos of the 152 Dog Face Soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice under my command in either Task Force Marne or 3ID. I study their pictures and think about the Families they left behind. I ask myself two questions: Did we do everything we could to preclude this from happening? Was it worth it?

You are the very best Soldiers in our Nation’s history. You are properly equipped, well trained, and most importantly, well led. Five years into this war, leaders are combat tested and thoroughly analyze the risks when they place Soldiers on the battlefield.



The death of our Soldiers creates an irreplaceable void for their Families, but in the larger picture, their tragic loss is making a difference. We are fighting terrorism here so that we do not have to fight it at home, and you are truly having an effect on the insurgency.

When the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters arrived last March, attacks average 25 per day – now they average less than two a day. You have transitioned from security operations to stability operations, and are making a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people every single day. I could not be more proud or more humbled to serve alongside of you.

The loss of so many Dog Face Soldiers

is heartbreaking. CSM Andrews and I have been to the majority of the memorial services. During the course of the memorial service, each of us grieves in his own way. But afterwards, we put on our body armor and Soldier on. That’s the true definition of a hero. We continue to take the fight to the enemy so we do not lose more Soldiers, and we will not give up any of the ground for which our brothers in arms gave their lives.

This Memorial Day we remember the lives of those who made the ultimate price, but we do not forget them. We continue to fight on so their sacrifice is not made in vain.

Rock of the Marne!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Staff Sgt. Amber Emery.

MEMORIAL

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Triplett said. "To not only bring freedom and democracy to the country of Iraq but to honor their commitment to our country and to keep it free and safe."

One of the main purposes of having

memorial services in honor of our fallen comrades is to help their families and fellow Soldiers have closure.

"Closure is very, very important," Triplett said. "Families and our personnel will never forget these fallen Soldiers. They will always remember them and always love them for what they did and for their friendship, but

this will help to bring some degree of closure to their friends and family,"

Honored guests and speakers at the service will include Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, MND-C commanding general; Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, division command sergeant major; Triplett and Chaplain (Maj.) Randy Edwards, deputy division chaplain.

Caches continue to pour in to Coalition forces

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FOB KALSU – Amnesty drop off points are not a new idea in the Army. Such drop-off points give Soldiers a chance to discreetly dispose of contraband and avoid repercussions.

Now, in the Maderiyah area, 25 kilometers south of Baghdad, the same privileges are being offered to citizens.

"The biggest fear a lot of these people have is getting arrested," said 1st Lt. Greg Highstrom, platoon leader for 2nd Platoon, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Getting arrested is a guarantee for those who hold caches in their homes or backyards and refuse to turn them over to Coalition forces. However, many people who have no ill will toward Coalition forces are still afraid to contact them to remove caches for fear of reprisal from al-Qaeda.

Captain Richard Aaron, commander of Btry. B, 1-9th FA, said al-Qaeda forced many people to hide weapons under the threat of torture or death. Because of this, many people are afraid of having Soldiers seen on their property.

To avoid this, Aaron devised the plan of an amnesty drop point. This gives people the opportunity to turn in weap-

ons without putting them in harm's way.

The convenience works both ways, Highstrom said. The citizens feel safer, while Coalition forces can go to one central location to collect weapons without having to conduct searches.

So far the program has seen great success, Highstrom said, with weapons turned in daily. A typical turn-in includes rocket-propelled grenades, mortars, DSHKA rounds, grenades, small arms ammunition and rocket primers. More exotic items such as a surface-to-air missile and high-explosive warheads have also been turned in.

Such finds are increasing due to recent operations in the area and a sense of trust built by Battery B with residents, Aaron said.

Aaron, a native of Middleboro, Mass., said that after conducting Operation Montana earlier this month, the tips from locals began pouring in. During this operation, Iraqi citizens saw how those who turned in caches willingly were not detained, while those who refused were arrested. Seeing this, more people turned in weapons or informed Soldiers of where to find them.

"Removing weapons takes away al-Qaeda's ability to conduct future operations against our Soldiers, the Iraqi Army or the locals," Aaron said.



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Private First Class Jason Lugo, a gunner with 2nd Plt., Btry. B, 1-9th FA, removes a RPG warhead from its plastic wrapping May 21 at an amnesty point in Maderiyah.

With more than 40 caches being turned in over the past two weeks, any future al-Qaeda operation has indeed been hampered.

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2nd Brigade keeps water, now traffic flowing

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FOB KALSU – With the Yusifiyah Pump station up and running, water is flowing into the Maderiyah area, 25 kilometers south of Baghdad, providing water for both drinking and irrigation.

Now, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Soldiers are working to get something else flowing – traffic.

Although drinking water is now available at the Maderiyah water station, traveling to the water treatment pumps is sometimes difficult. To help streamline traffic and ease accessibility, Soldiers of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, are working with Iraqi contractors to help solve the issue.

On May 21, Battery B Soldiers visited resident handyman Nassier Adnin to assess the work he completed. Adnin, who owns several earth-moving equipment pieces, has already accomplished jobs for Coalition forces and said he was glad to take on this new project.

“It’s a good job,” he said. “I make



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Sergeant Kyle Nygaard, platoon sergeant of 1st Plt., Btry. B, 1-9th FA, looks at piping beneath a bridge being built over a canal between route Bismarck and Aggies to facilitate traffic.

good money for improving my neighborhood.”

Currently, the improvements include building a bridge to link routes Bismarck and Aggies, as well as widening these roads and Route Charger.

“It will make things much more accessible,” said Sgt. Kyle Nygaard, 1st Platoon sergeant. “It lets the people get water without as much hassle.”

Besides bringing water back to the

area more easily, it also brings in money and jobs. Adnin said the construction project has allowed him to hire 25 local workers.

“We want money to stay in the area,” said 1st Lt. Greg Highstrom, 2nd Platoon leader, and native of Cedarburg, Wis.

Keeping money in the area increases its economy, in turn increasing prosperity and pride in the community.

It is such pride that led Battery B, 1-9th FA Soldiers to work so hard to improve the area they have called home for the last year.

“We’re building trust between us and them, helping them out,” said Nygaard, a native of Houston.

Projects will continue with help from local Iraqi contractors through the final months of the battery’s deployment.

Continued projects include school restorations, road improvements and canal restoration; some of which will also be funded by the Government of Iraq.

Currently, the GoI has approved funds for two area schools and the paving of Routes Bismarck and Chevy.

Safety Thought of the Day

Heat Injury Prevention & Treatment Reminders

- **Weak Link Rule:** When the first heat casualty occurs, assess the status of the whole unit.
- Heat strain and dehydration can accumulate over several days before causing heat illness; therefore, during recovery periods, emphasize rest, shade, hydration, and eating.
- Drink liquids that contain some added salt or electrolytes for heat cramps.
- Signs of overheating include the inability to work, flushed face, confusion, disorientation and fainting.
- Identify previous heat casualties as they are more susceptible to becoming a heat casualty again. Be aware if Soldiers are ill, on medications and/or supplements.
- If a Soldier is a heat casualty, cooling is first priority. It can reduce mortality from 5-50%.
- Move patient out of the hot environment, into an air conditioned area if available.
- Remove the patient’s clothing (IBA/ACH ACU shirt/boots).
- Apply cold packs to the patient’s neck, armpits, and groin. Drench torso in water.
- Fan vigorously. Aggressive fanning is VERY EFFECTIVE. (Stop if shivering occurs).
- Make sure to cool body first before giving IV fluids. Start IV with Normal Saline while awaiting evacuation.
- Ref: TB Med 507, Heat Stress Control & Heat Casualty Management & GTA 05-08 012, Individual Safety Card.

Headline Highlights

Car thief cornered; like father like son; political chivalry

German car thief held after stand-off with boars

BERLIN (Reuters) – German police pursuing a car thief through a dark forest turned rescuers when the man became cornered by a family of angry wild boar.

Officers caught the man's passenger after the pair rammed into a squad car on a cross-country chase and leapt from the stolen Opel, police in the eastern city of Schwerin said.

But they initially lost track of the 18-year-old driver during the nighttime pursuit when he fled deep into the forest.

"Then he ran into the family of boars, and the head of the family squared up to him," a police spokesman said on Friday.

"So he stood there, put his hands up, and called for help," he added.

Officers rescued the man from the boars, then arrested him.

Robbie "Kaptain" Knievel jumps 24 trucks in Ohio

MASON, Ohio (AP) – Robbie "Kaptain" Knievel, son of the late daredevil Evel Knievel, successfully jumped over 24 delivery trucks Saturday night at the site of one of his father's most famous stunts.

"Hopefully I'll see you after the jump," Knievel told the crowd before he climbed the start ramp.

Knievel, 46, had said he would

need to be going 95 miles per hour at take off for the 200-foot jump, which began from a three-story tall ramp and was completed amid wild cheers, booming explosions and shooting flames at Kings Island amusement park near Cincinnati.

After touching down at the tip of the landing ramp, Knievel gave the crowd a thumbs-up, raced his bike back and forth and popped a wheelie.

"He took a really hard shot at the landing," said Knievel's business partner, Jeff Lowe.

"But he's thrilled. We're all thrilled. He was a lot more nervous about this jump than he let on," he added.

Evel Knievel jumped 115 feet over 14 buses at Kings Island in 1975 in an event that was watched by more than half of the nation's television viewers.

He died last year at the age of 69 after suffering from failing health for many years.

Robbie Knievel dedicated his stunt to his father, U.S. war veterans and those serving in the military.

Miliband teases Straw over Rice's bed arrangements

PALO ALTO, California (Reuters) – Foreign Secretary David Miliband made a light-hearted jab at predecessor Jack Straw on Thursday, calling him "unchivalrous" for taking Condoleezza Rice's airplane bed while

she slept on the floor.

Travelling aboard Rice's plane on a joint trip to California, Miliband joked it was "pathetic" that Straw accepted an offer to sleep in the U.S. secretary of state's bed while they were flying together to Baghdad in April 2006.

"I thought Jack did something terribly unchivalrous," joked Miliband to Rice.

"Didn't he at one point claim your bed," he added.

Rice said Straw had been nursing a bad cold and so she offered him the only fold-out bed on the plane.

"So I slept in the aisle (outside the cabin), it was OK," Rice said.

Miliband quickly pointed out that on their last trip together to Kabul, Afghanistan, in February this year, he had slept in a regular seat while Rice enjoyed her cabin.

"That is pathetic, pathetic," said Miliband of Straw's choice of sleeping space.

"I heroically slept in the back seats all the way to Kabul, heroically," he added.

Straw took a pounding from Britain's tabloid media for his sleeping choice. A few weeks later he was moved to another government position in a Cabinet reshuffle.

"I am looking forward to my next trip on this plane," said Miliband, when asked about Straw's departure from the top diplomatic job soon after the Baghdad trip.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to Saturday's puzzle:

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ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

Where is your...?

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