

Serving Task Force Marne

Materiel Command CG re-enlists Soldiers



Sat. Jason Stadel

General Benjamin Griffin, U.S. Army Materiel Command commanding general, re-enlists three Soldiers from the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, May 23. Specialist Israel Quattlebaum (left) re-enlisted for six years and will reclassify as a radiology specialist; Spc. Juan Delacerda, a petroleum supply specialist, re-enlisted and will move to Fort Bliss, Texas; and Spc. Zunailly Edwards, also a petroleum supply specialist, re-enlisted for four years and will be reassigned to Germany.

Aviation medics create family practice at Camp Striker

PFC. MONICA K. SMITH 3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

CAMP STRIKER – Two medics dance separate jigs while one sings as they wait on the next patient.

Through such a close working environment, the Combat Aviation Brigade medics stationed here say they've become like family while working at the

Camp Striker Troop Medical Clinic.

"Everybody knows everybody," said Sgt. Erick Garcia, member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion. "In some cases we know each other's families. We've known each other since we were privates. It makes everything a lot easier. You have someone to talk to and confide in." This family environment extends even to those medics who are new to the unit.

Private First Class Lisa Tabary, a medic with HHC, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, from Fayetteville, N.C., joined the CAB in December. Fresh from training, Tabary found it

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Essential services return to Jurf as Sahkr

1st Lt. Chris BLOM

3-7TH INF. REGT., 4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB ISKAN - After years of absence, the Beladiyah, which is the executive office of the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, returned to Jurf as

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> – Capt. Eric Tisland 3-7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div.

Sahkr May 8 to resume support of the area population.

Previously, due to unstable security and presence of al-Qaeda in Iraq, the Beladiyah was forced to abandon Jurf and move to Hamiyah, where security was better.

With the departure of the Beladiyah, residents of Jurf lost most of their support from the provincial government.

Now, after several meetings with the local leadership of Hamiyah and Musayyib to discuss the need for the Beladiyah's return to Jurf, it has become a reality.

With the arrival of the Beladiyah, several projects are already in the works—pavement of roads, construction of parks, and markets and a bridge repair.

"The people were very excited about

the new bridge, and the recent return of the Beladiyah has also created a buzz within Jurf that they are beginning to reap the benefits of the security they have established," said Capt. Eric Tisland, commander of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

In the neighborhood of Hay al-Askeri roads are being paved and there are several proposed construction sites for new shops and a playground for children. In the village, construction of a new market will begin soon, said Hussein Ali Na'if, assistant director for Beladiyah.

"They are extremely hopeful for the future and appreciate everything that (Coalition forces) are doing for them," Tisland said.

An Iraqi contractor has been

Courtesy photo

Improved irrigation

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working since May 18 to dredge a portion of the Tigris River near al-Buaytha called the "Gulf of Arab." The gulf's dredging will improve irrigation flow to the local farmers and water purification stations. The work is expected to be finished within the next 20 days. Assessments predict the increased irrigation flow will provide a boost to the farming community. Company D, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Com-

bat Team, 3rd Infantry Division will continue to monitor

the dredging progress.

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easy to join her first unit, despite being in a deployed environment.

"Coming here wasn't very hard," Tabary said. "All of these guys took care of me and made sure I had everything I needed. They really looked out for me."

For these Soldiers, unity increased when they began assisting the understaffed 25th Combat Surgical Hospital in Baghdad.

Garcia, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., said treating Soldiers with serious injuries like gunshot or shrapnel wounds can have an effect on medics. It's especially emotional seeing injured Soldiers interacting with their loved ones.

"It affects you," he said.

Since November, the CAB has sent two medics to help the understaffed hospital, where they say the type of care given is drastically different from that at the TMC.

"(At the TMC) I mostly perform patient care, like sick call, taking care of Soldiers," Garcia said. "Coughing, sprained ankles, normal stuff that happens to people every day—not battlefield injuries."

Garcia said medics rely on their close network to combat emotional strains that may arise from deployment.

"It helps to talk about it with other medics," Garcia said. "A lot of (the CAB



Pfc. Monica K. Smith

Private First Class Lisa Tabary, medic with HHC, 4-3rd Avn. Regt., draws blood from Pfc. Jessiah Couch, member of HHC, 4-3rd Avn. Regt., at the Camp Striker TMC, Baghdad.

medics) are knowledgeable. They have seen it. We talk about it and we rely on each other and our families."

Specialist Andrew Milone, HHC, 603rd ASB, said the medics' closeness curbs the amount of problems they might face as individuals and as a team.

"We argue; we'll have disagreements, but it's always resolved pretty easily," said Milone, from Miami. "We

don't have any troublemakers. We know how to interact with each other, which limits the problems we may have."

Many of the medics voluntarily work past their 12-hour shifts because they enjoy their pleasant work environment, Tabary said.

"There's a good atmosphere," Tabary said. "I'm really grateful for the people I work with."

Safety Tidbit

When driving, driving should be the number one AND ONLY priority!

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- No cell phones, eating or drinking.
- Wear seat belts.
- Watch your speed.
- Watch your surrondings.
- Check your license and dispatch.

"DRIVING AMV's"

- No cell phones, eating or drinking.
- Wear seat belts.
- Watch your speed.
- Watch your surrondings.
- Check your license and dispatch.
- Wear you ACH/Kevlar

Follow the speed limits in all vehicles:

5 MPH in parking lots.

- 10 MPH when passing pedestrians or persons conducting PT.
- Follow all other posted signs.



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Headline Highlights

French president sues t-shirt firm; buy car, get gun free

French president takes aim at satirical T-shirt

PARIS (Reuters) – French President Nicolas Sarkozy has launched legal proceedings against the makers of a satirical T-shirt who mocked his reputation as a law-and-order hard-liner, the company's owner Thierry Boeuf said on Saturday.

The T-shirt firm is already being sued by some leading firms, including Heineken and Lacoste, over of its hard-hitting slogans and on Friday found out that Sarkozy's lawyers had joined the legal attack.

"It is astonishing," Boeuf told France Info radio.

"I can't understand it," he added.

"There are so many other things going on in this country and I would have thought there are better things to do than worry about these Tshirts," he added.

The T-shirt which caused offence to the president has Sarkozy's name written in large letters across the chest with a gun target replacing the letter "o" in his name.

Above his name is the French national motto "liberty, equality, fraternity" splattered with blood.

Prosecutors investigating the various complaints are considering pressing charges ranging from counterfeiting, using brand names without permission and incitement to terrorism.

Boeuf's lawyer said the T-shirts

were humorous and accused Sarkozy of trying to limit freedom of speech.

"I am worried about satirical freedoms and freedom of humour," lawyer Roland Marmillot told France Info.

The president's office declined to comment.

Sarkozy signalled earlier this year that he was willing to go to the courts to defend his name after he launched criminal proceedings against a journalist who alleged that the president had sent a text message to his former wife asking her to return to him shortly before his marriage to Carla Bruni.

The president denied the allegation and later dropped the case after the journalist concerned wrote to Bruni-Sarkozy and apologised.

Buy a car, get a free gun

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (Reuters) – A Missouri car dealer said on Thursday sales have soared at his auto and truck business since launching a promotion this week that promises buyers a free handgun or a \$250 gas card with every purchase.

Max Motors, a small Butler, Missouri dealership that has as its logo a grimacing cowboy wielding a pistol, has sold more than 30 cars and trucks in the last three days, far more than its normal volume.

And owner Mark Muller credits his decision to start offering buyers their

choice of a \$250 gas card or a \$250 credit at a gun shop.

"This thing has taken off," said Muller.

"Sales have quadrupled," he added.

The store sells both used and new vehicles including General Motors and Ford products.

Every buyer so far "except one guy from Canada and one old guy" has elected to take the gun, Muller said.

Muller recommends his customers select a Kel-Tec .380 pistol.

"It's a nice little handgun that fits in your pocket," he said.

Muller said the promotion was inspired by Illinois Sen.

Barack Obama, who is vying with Hillary Clinton to be the Democratic nominee for the presidential election in November.

"We did it because of Barack Obama. He said all those people in the Midwest, you've got to have compassion for them because they're clinging to their guns and their Bibles. I found that quite offensive."

"We all go to church on Sunday and we all carry guns," said Muller.

"I've got a gun in my pocket right now. I have a rifle in my truck. We've got to shoot the coyotes out here, they're attacking our cows, our chickens. We're not clinging to nothing. We're just damn glad to live in a free country where you can have a gun if you want. This is the way it ought to be," he added.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

What color is it?

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